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SENSATIONAL ROBBERY.

The premises of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., in Des Voeux Road Central, have been the scene of yet another daring burglary; the thieves in this instance, it is believed, making their raid in daylight.

Some time between noon on Christmas Day and the same hour yesterday morning, a gang of master-cracksmen effected an entrance to the premises and secured goods amounting in value, it is estimated, to between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The thieves entered the premises by means of a back staircase which led into a disused go-down. Once there, they appear to have spent some considerable time, for their entry to the ground floor was made by no less a daring method than the boring of a huge hole through the 18 inch brick wall that lines the back of the store. This hole opens into the store some 18 to 20 ft. above the ground level, and a strong rope was used by the men for the purpose of lowering themselves down to the ground.

Once inside the store, the thieves appear to have made a bee line for that section of the gentlemen's outfitting department which contained the most expensive part of the stock, whole cases full of silk ties, handkerchiefs and mufflers being cleared. Once at these show-cases, the men were out of sight from anyone who might peer through the main entrance, for the show-cases back on to the shop windows.

Theft of Hats.

Having cleared the major portion of the stock of this department, the daring intruders directed their attention to the head-wear section, securing no fewer than nine dozen of the better quality velvet and felt hats—articles costing \$12.50 and \$15 each. The presence of a box of soap and other miscellaneous articles indicates that the cracksmen visited other parts of the premises, although the cupboard containing watches and fountain pens—which could easily have been forced, was left untouched. One silver cigarette case was taken from a glass-topped show case in the centre of the ground floor. This would have been a dangerous spot for the men to have remained at for any length of time, as it is in a direct line with the front entrance.

Nor was the upper storey left unmolested, the intruders stealing a number of leather suit cases with which, it is assumed, they made off with their haul from downstairs. One blanket also was taken from this department and as the handles had been cut off from a number of skipping ropes, it is believed that the rope was used for tying up the hats in the blanket.

The "China Mail" understands that the premises were not insured against burglary. Since the last burglary, which occurred about a year ago—when the burglars got away with \$8,000 worth of goods, including gold-mounted fountain pens and watches—the outside of the premises have been continuously patrolled by three police watchmen—at a cost of \$80 per month.

Robbery Discovered.

The burglary was discovered yesterday morning by Mr. A. O. Smith, the manager of the store. Mr. Smith paid a customary Sunday morning visit to the store for the purpose of inspecting the watchmen's time clocks and looking at any mail that may have arrived over the week-end. It was not until Mr. Smith was half way down the centre passage that he first noticed that anything was wrong. His attention was directed to a number of toys lying on the ground. Realising that they had not been there when he locked up the previous afternoon, Mr. Smith looked round, and at once noticed the empty show-cases to his immediate left. His first thought was for his safe in the

CITY FIRE.

Blaze In Pedder Building.

DAMAGE ABOUT \$8,000.

The ground and mezzanine floors of Pedder Building were the scene of a devastating fire which occurred in the early hours of this morning, heavy damage being incurred by the three firms occupying the premises.

The Cafe-Restaurant Parisien and Madame Flint's Ladies' Dress Salon occupy the ground floor, while the Beauty Parlor Parisien and Madame Flint's work rooms are situated on the mezzanine floor above.

The fire started in the Beauty Parlor. A thin match-board partition is thought to have soon burst into flames, this igniting a quantity of cotton wool and other highly inflammable fabrics in the work rooms.

Inquiries at the Central Fire Station this morning show that the first alarm was received at 1.12 a.m. Four engines were immediately dispatched to the scene, where it was found that huge flames were bursting out of two windows opening into the alley way between Pedder and Jardine's buildings. A ladder was rushed up the side of the building, but it was found that entry was impossible from this side of the structure.

The firemen then directed their attention to the other side of the premises, gaining an entrance through a back staircase which leads into the kitchen of the Cafe-Restaurant Parisien.

A quantity of fire hose was rushed through the corridors, but it was not until 2.18 a.m. that the flames were under way and the fire-fighters were able to leave.

Needless to say, the damage done to both the premises and the stock is very considerable. The Beauty Parlor, which was enamelled throughout in cream and gold, is burnt beyond recognition, whilst the entire contents of the work rooms has been destroyed by the fire. Practically everything in Madame Flint's shop down below has been damaged by water, whilst the entire floor of both the shop and the Cafe was under water at 10 o'clock this morning.

The alley way presented a strange sight when inspected this morning, hats, feathers, jumpers, furs and rolls of material, either half burnt or damaged by water, being strewn over the flag-stones. Two or three dress-makers' dummies, mutilated by the flames, told pathetic story, whilst mirrors, hand-bags and bottles of perfume and toilet preparations, which had been thrown out from the upper story, were also to be seen in profusion.

The Cafe Restaurant Parisien was not damaged to any serious extent, the actual fire having been confined to the north side of the building.

It is understood that the damage caused by the fire is in the neighbourhood of \$8,000.

office upstairs, and proceeding forward, he was confronted with the huge hole in the brick wall—a hole that told its own story.

It is understood that no attempt was made to open the safe and this, from the intruders' point of view was unfortunate, for several thousands of dollars in cash and a number of solid gold watches were deposited therein. Satisfied as to the security of the safe, Mr. Smith immediately phoned the Police and Det. Sub-Inspector Lane, who has taken charge of the case, was soon on the scene.

It is believed that the crime was perpetrated during daylight, as anyone using torches inside would, in all probability, have been seen.

A search of the godown revealed one of the suit-cases taken from the up-stairs department and a large hammer and chisel, with which it is assumed, the hole in the wall was made.

Mr. Smith said that he had no reason to suspect any member of his Chinese staff. This opinion was rather substantiated by the fact that anyone knowing the stock would have almost certainly made a point of securing the contents of one particular show-case (also out of sight of the main entrance) which contained a quantity of valuable goods that had not yet been put on display.

WAR IN NORTH.

Chang Calls Military Conference.

ATTACK TO BE MET.

Hankow, Dec. 26.
General Chang Kai-shek has called a military conference at Nanchang.

It is reported to be for the purpose of making preparations against the coming attack by the Fengtien party. He ordered the organisation of forty divisions of picked troops to be used against the attackers.—Reuter.

NORTH ON MOVE.

Peking, Dec. 24.
A message from Tientsin states that the Peking squadron of the Eighth Shantung Army Corps is actively preparing to move southward against the Cantonese. Pi Shou-chun has already gone from Tientsin to Nanking.

Yi Shih-pao states that the Koumichun in Hohen has lined up with Pang Chung-chieh's troops and captured Lungmunchieh south-east of Loyang.—Reuter.

MORE HOSTILE MEETINGS.

Hankow, Dec. 26.
Native pastors in most places in the native city did not function at Christmas services.

An incident occurred on Christmas Eve at the Lutheran Mission in the (Hankow) native city when a body of anti-Christians invaded the premises and removed bibles and hymn-books from the walls, etc.

Three anti-Christian and anti-British meetings were held in

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

The Memorandum Now Published.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.
A lengthy British memorandum on China was issued to-day by the British Legation and the Consulates throughout China.

The Hong Kong Government has a copy.—Reuter.

(Owing to the late hour at which the above cable was received and the holiday publishing time, it has not been possible to secure a copy of the memorandum for publication in to-day's "China Mail.")

Wuchang city, Nanyang city and Hankow city this morning.

It is estimated that 5,000 were at the meeting in the (Hankow) native city and about the same number at Wuchang. At Nanyang, the speakers numbered about forty, representative of every section of the Government and the Army.—Reuter.

ANTI-FOREIGN AGITATION.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
Anti-Christian societies have been springing up lately in many centres, where the anti-foreign movement is very strong. There is much talk of meetings to be held locally.

STRIKE COMMITTEE.

Movement to be Wound Up
On Jan. 1.

From a well-informed source the "China Mail" learns that a decision has been made to wind up the affairs of the "Canton-Hong Kong Strike Committee" as from January 1, 1927.

This body, of course, is the highest organisation in the strike and boycott movement composed, it is claimed, of delegates representative of all Labour Unions.

The "Wah Kiu Yat Po" learns that the Transport Union (i.e. cargo boat workers) at the port of Hoihow are all on strike with the result that trade with Hong Kong is interrupted.

the police are not apprehensive, but a Hankow report states that anti-Christian activities are intensifying. Agitators broke up two Christmas entertainments, one at the Wesleyan Mission Girls' School and the other at the Blind School.

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CYCLE SMASHED.

Police Sergeant Badly Injured.

ISLAND ROAD ACCIDENT.

With compound fractures in three different parts of his right leg, Sergeant A. George of the Hong Kong Police is now lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition as the result of a motorcycle collision on the round-island road yesterday with car No. 347 belonging to Mr. Gubbay of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co.

Sergeant George was patrolling on an A.J.S. combination at the time, going from Stanley Police Station towards Repulse Bay.

So heavy was the impact that the cycle was completely smashed and the rider was thrown badly to the ground.

Sergeant George was at once conveyed to hospital. On examination it was found that his right leg had been broken above and below the knee and above the ankle. An operation was performed on him yesterday afternoon.

The collision occurred on a short round turn, so sharp that it almost resembles a semi-circle. It is by no means an easy locality to negotiate, coming up the easy gradient from Stanley. Sergeant George was then about 300 yards above Stanley and the road there is about 22 feet wide.

RABIES SEQUEL.

MILITARY DOGS NOW UNDER OBSERVATION.

Following the death from hydrophobia of Gunner Patrick Murphy of the Royal Artillery, Yeaman last week, an examination has been made of all dogs at the local military barracks. Four dogs from Wellington Barracks and another dog from Murray Barracks have been set to the Kennedy Town home for observation. The report states laconically that this action was taken by Army medical officers "in consequence of a dog bite."

Miss Joan Douglas, the daughter of Mr. Douglas, No. 59, The Peak, has been bitten by a black and white terrier near Jaxmine's Corner on the Peak. She was immediately treated by Dr. G. D. R. Black and the dog is being examined.

An Indian has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital as the result of being attacked by a white mongrel in Kennedy Road, the owner of which has not been traced. This dog has also been impounded.

BAG SNATCHERS.

TWO MORE CASES DURING HOLIDAYS.

Two more cases of handbag snatching have been reported during the holidays, one of the victims being a Portuguese lady resident in Kowloon.

Mrs. Cunha, of No. 5, Humphreys Avenue was going up the staircase from the street, early on Friday morning, when a Chinese thief stole up from behind and seized her handbag. The value (together with the money contained) was \$36.

Near the Dairy Farm yesterday, a Chinese married woman was relieved of her bag by a snatcher in Wyncham Street. The value of the contents was \$75.

Armed Robbery.
From Kowloon City an armed robbery is reported in which the gang used screw-drivers and a chop-axe as weapons with which to terrorise the occupants.

This occurred yesterday. After putting the lady occupant in the kitchen the gang of four ransacked the house and made off with loot totalling \$181.60.

In the latter case, the invaders distributed anti-British literature. A foreign missionary who attempted to intervene was seized and carried through the streets, being man-handled and badly injured.

The anti-foreign agitation and boycott is also strengthening at Hankow, as well as elsewhere. Foreign women and children have been advised to leave Kuling (Kulung). All foreigners are in readiness to evacuate Kiangse. It is feared also that they will be compelled to evacuate Hunan.—Reuter.

MACAO RACE.

Record Time In Heavy Seas.

TAVY II WINS.

With exceptionally heavy weather throughout, a record was created by boats taking part in the Christmas race from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to Macao and back. Starting from the Club at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, the leading boats got back in truly remarkable time. All who completed the course were back shortly after midnight with in record time. "La Cigale" passing the mark just before 8 p.m. with "Lady Jean" a minute behind.

The winner of the race on corrected time was "Tavy II" which arrived home shortly before 11 p.m. and was within her handicap by twenty minutes over "Lady Jean"—twenty minutes in over 71 miles!

At times it was blowing force 6 (about 40 miles an hour) and this, added to the heavy sea, gave the boats a very severe test. "Coquette" lost her rudder in the course of the race but managed to put in to Tai O whence she was towed in this morning.

"Brenda," the boat which gave up shortly after 10 a.m., got into difficulties in the heavy seas. One of her sails was ripped up and a considerable quantity of water shipped. The helmsman decided that the only course was to proceed to calmer waters and survey the damage and prospects. It was decided not to continue in the race.

The time made by the leading boats is easily a record over a period of twenty years' sailing in the last century when this race was an annual event. The best times made then by boats of even 50 tons was 16 and 18 hours for the passage.

The boats and their helmsmen were:—

"La Cigale" (N. Croucher); "U. and I" (H. S. Rouse); "Norseman" (C. L. Edwards); "Coquette" (H. Dryer); "Brenda" (T. King); "Feathers" (Dr. M. Nicolson); "Queen Bee" (Capt. Howard); "Dorothy" (E. S. Carter); "Lady Jean" (H. Pearce); "Tavy II" (Surg. Lieut. M. Brown).

The Race.
"Queen Bee" and "Lady Jean" took the southerly route. The breeze freshened as the boats went across the harbour from the start and it was blowing force 5 at Capsicum. Outside the harbour, the wind and sea increased and boats made very good time.

"U. and I" was first through Capsicum, followed by "La Cigale" and "Feathers." "U. and I" was ahead with The Brothers in less than two hours' sailing. Once clear of the land, the wind against the tide made a very bad sea. With the wind from the North it was a reach across to Macao with the seas on the star-board quarter. Very good time was made. "La Cigale" going rather to northward, had to drop considerably; "Feathers" kept a middle course between "U. and I" and "La Cigale," followed by "Coquette."

The Day's Surprise.
When the leading boats by the north were nearing the mark, they were rather surprised to see "Lady Jean," who had gone by the south and rounded the mark, making good way on the return. "Queen Bee," which had also gone by the south, did not do nearly so well. She went back also by the southern route, but "Lady Jean" steered for the north.

It was closed-hauled work all the way across to Lantau with a very short, steep sea and it was obvious that the boats with the longest water line would fare

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OUR CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Hong Kong's Christmas mail from Home arrived on the "Kalyan" early this morning. About 10 o'clock the General Post Office tackled the very heavy letter mail, which was to have been ready for distribution by noon at the latest and delivery is being made to-day.

This afternoon, the parcel mail, which is also very heavy, is being sorted. Receipts are to be sent out this afternoon or this evening, so that application can be made for delivery to-morrow.

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All Guests are requested to bring a card on which their names should be written.

Ten will be served in the St. George's Hall and the St. Andrew's Hall.

The Meeting will begin at 5.15 p.m. punctually in the Royal Theatre. Guests are requested to take their seats there between 4.50 p.m. and 5.10 p.m. The Main Entrance only to the Theatre will be used.

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Hong Kong, 27th December, 1926.

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SHANGHAI STRIKE.

FRENCH TRAM LINE WALK OUT.

TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

Shanghai, December 22.—All motormen, conductors and inspectors employed by the French Tram Company, operating in the French Concession, Shanghai, and numbering between two and three hundred men, yesterday morning declared a unanimous strike without warning to the managers. Traffic on all lines operated by the Company was suspended during the entire day, although cars from the Chinese Tram Company were diverted through the French Concession to relieve the congestion partially.

M. Mornu, Administrative Sub-Manager of the Company last night informed the "China Press" that the strikers had walked out without presenting any definite demands to the Company, although it is understood that they are striking for higher pay.

The total loss to the Company per diem through the failure of the trams to operate is placed at between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The morning rush crowd, unaware of the strike, jammed the sidewalks at the tram stops yesterday waiting in vain for cars, and finally resorted to rickshas, buses and other vehicles to reach the business district.

M. Mornu spoke optimistically of the outcome of the strike, declaring that it had not yet been necessary to adopt emergency measures, such as placing Annamite troops, who are specially trained to operate the cars, on duty, inasmuch as the difference was expected to be smoothed out at conferences to be held this morning.

COMING FILMS.

ERIC VON STROHEIM'S
"GREED."

"Greed," which is to show here, shortly, is a picture of a thousand and in an excellent critique of the film, the "Daily Telegraph" of London has the following to say:—

Striking evidence in support of the claim that the "silent drama" can portray the most subtle shades of character is provided by Eric von Stroheim's "Greed."

This homily against the folly of giving rein to the miserly instinct holds the spectator's interest for the best part of two hours. It is not a pretty story, but it has been put together by a master hand, and has something of the ruthless realism of Zola.

From the very first scene there is an inescapable suggestion of impending tragedy, which deepens as the play unfolds. The courting of Trina by her unimaginative, prosaic admirer takes place amid surroundings that bode little good for their future happiness.

A gradual deterioration of the wife's character as the result of winning a large prize in a lottery, is skilfully shown by a series of unobtrusive touches, the cumulative effect of which prepares us for the worst. Murder is in the air.

The woman has to pay the penalty, and her husband, who, in a moment of exasperation, has taken her life, becomes a hunted fugitive. In the last scene of all we see him, after struggling across the desert sands, lying down to await death by the side of the one-time friend and rival whom circumstances have converted into his bitter enemy. Both are perishing of thirst, while the useless gold which each had coveted so fiercely lies scattered and blood-stained at their feet.

This remarkable film is extremely well acted, especially by the exponents of the three principal characters, Gibson Howland, Jean Herscholt, and Zasu Pitts.

"Confessions of a Queen."

The King, in "Confessions of a Queen," is in a quandary. The influence of good is beckoning him on one side in the form of his Queen, a beautiful regal woman of the cold type, while that of evil coaxes him on the other in the form of the vivacious Saphora, a woman of the world. A much stronger-willed man than King Christian would have paused—not knowing which one to follow.

The King is delightfully played in the Seastrom production by Lewis Stone. The Queen, Fredericka is depicted by Alice Terry, and the alluring Saphora by Helena d'Algy.

John Bowers plays the important role of Prince Alexis and Joseph Downing and Eugene Bessier are also seen in the production. Agnes Christine Johnson and from "Kings in Exile," by Alphonse Daudet.

STABBING INCIDENT.

MR. STIRLING'S EFFORT TO SAVE WOMAN.

The "Straits Times" understands that Mr. W. G. Stirling, of the Chinese Protectorate, who was stabbed in the Protectorate by a Chinese, is progressing favourably. The wife of the Chinese, who was also stabbed, is still in a weak condition, and the Chinese himself is progressing favourably.

It seems that Mr. Stirling received his wound in attempting to prevent the Chinese from stabbing his wife, who had refused to live with him.

The Chinese will be charged with attempted murder.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"STELLA DALLAS" TO-DAY
TILL WEDNESDAY.

One of the best releases of the year is "Stella Dallas" which is to be shown this week. It is the story of a mother's sacrifice for her daughter and was billed in London only as recently as October.

It is in many ways a remarkable picture and carries the hall mark of extremely good acting on the part of Belle Bennett and Lois Moran as the mother and daughter respectively. The film has "made" these two actresses who were hitherto practically unknown.

The "mother love" theme, a la American has been so generally mauled, that it is a treat to find in "Stella Dallas" something different, for here it reaches artistic heights by means which never descend to bathos.

Stella marries Stephen, but Stella is common and in love with Ed, while Stephen is "quality" and in love with Helen. Laurel is a child of the marriage and when Stephen is appointed to a good post in New York, Stella refuses to go with him. Such is the opening tale.

Of this picture Elinor Glyn says "It will wring every mother's heart."

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE BEAUTY PRIZE" TO-DAY
AND TO-MORROW.

Viola Dana scores again in the "The Beauty Prize." This delightful human interest film was made from the Saturday Evening Post story of the same name by Nina Wilcox Putnam.

The story is an excellent mixture of comedy and drama, combining these elements to splendid effect. The star plays the role of Connie Du-Bois, a New York manicurist, who is mistaken for a society girl when her mother takes care of a wealthy home during the owner's trip abroad.

A Broadway shik acquaintance induces her to enter a state beauty contest in order to get money so that her ailing father may have expert surgical attendance. Her sweetheart back home objects to this, but Connie goes right ahead. She wins the state title, and enters the national contest. She is also the victor in this, but gives away the \$2,000 prize when she believes she has won it under the false pretence of being a society girl.

Her spirit broken, she disappears to avoid publicity, and works as a manicurist in a city. She is recognised and is invited to a Chamber of Commerce dinner just about in time to keep from starving. But she is first led to the radio to give a speech, and is able to do nothing but call out for George, the home town lover, and he, in the transmitting room, hears her.

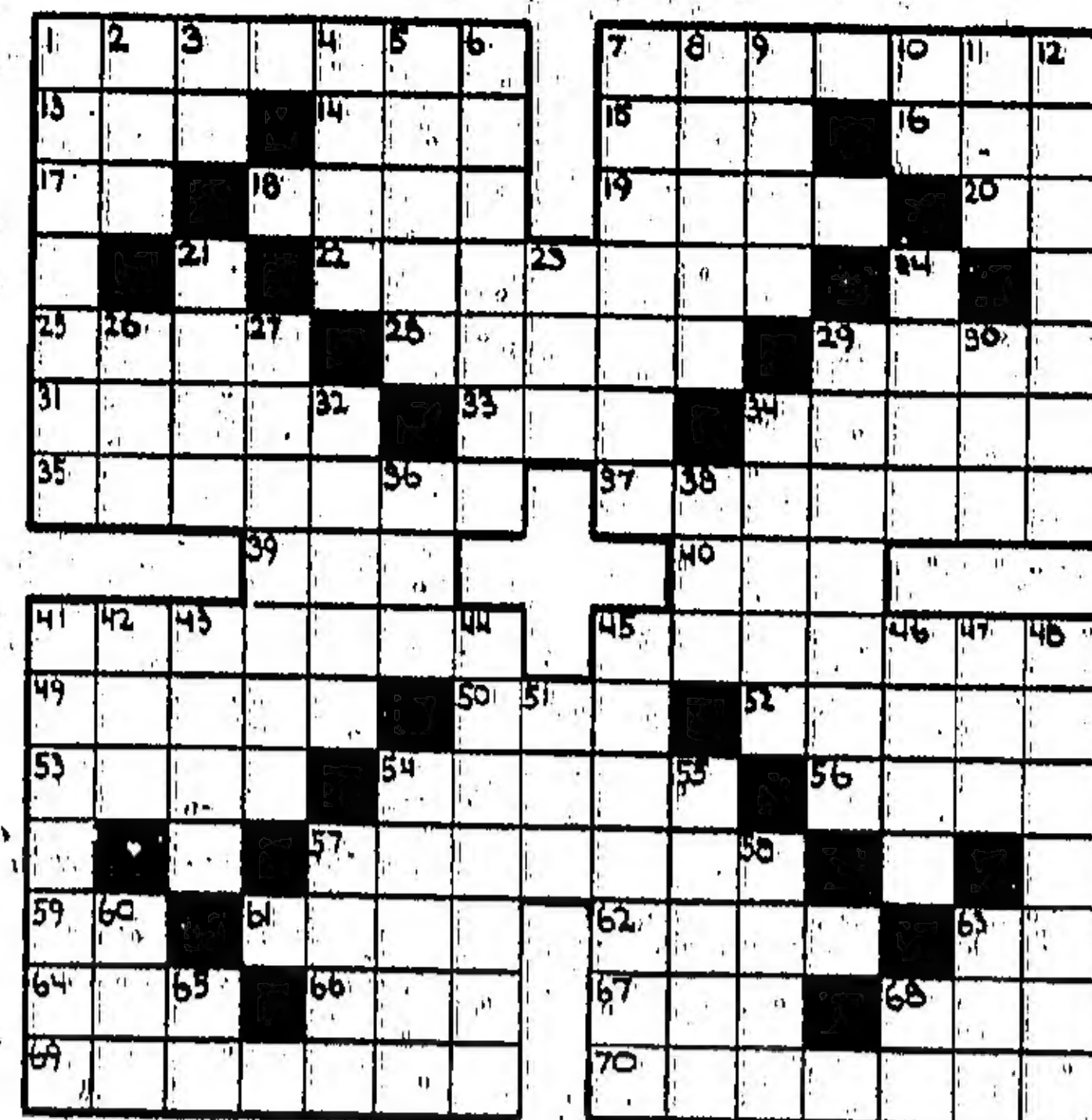
NARROW ESCAPE.

Managua, Dec. 25.

Two men armed with heavy knives attempted to assassinate President Diaz. They attacked the carriage as the President was returning from a social function. President Diaz alighted unharmed but his driver was cut to pieces.—Reuter.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Farmer | 33-Indebted for | 26-A counter in poker |
| 7-Votes | 34-Attuned | 28-Black |
| 12-Rodent | 35-To observe | 27-Instals |
| 14-Woodman's tool | 37-Stingy person | 29-Military title |
| 15-To grow old | 39-Exclamation | 30-Unit |
| 16-Obese | 41-Third son of Adam | 32-Whirls |
| 17-Part of verb "to be" | 42-Put to flight | 34-One who herds |
| 18-Slippery | 43-You and I | 35-Three (Italian) |
| 19-Sure | 44-Finish | 36-Rim |
| 20-Move away | 46-That girl | 41-Garments |
| 22-Destroyed | 47-The night before | 42-Why |
| 23-Trudge | 48-Title of address | 43-Extent |
| 24-Name | 49-Economized | 44-Expressed |
| 25-Cut fine | 50-Tyrants | 45-meritment |
| 31-Narrow roads | | 46-Debauched |
| 33-American humorist | | 47-Suffix denoting degree |
| 34-Northeastern State of U. S. | | 48-Short round costs |
| 35-Released from detention | VERTICAL | 49-Participial ending |
| 37-House shoe | 1-To seize | 54-A tax of one-tenth |
| 38-Mien | 2-Hydraulic engine | 55-Held |
| 40-Suffix denoting an agent | 3-By | 57-Used home |
| 41-Deep part of a river | 4-Dress | 58-Delta |
| 42-Presiding officer of legislative body | 5-Rajoles | 59-Insect |
| 43-Upper house of English Parliament | 6-Gets back | 60-Series |
| 44-Point at | 7-Fights | 61-Prefix meaning "double" |
| 45-Wash in clean water | 8-Concur | 62-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| | 9-Guide | |
| | 10-From | |
| | 11-Label | |
| | 12-Plug | |
| | 21-Sole | |
| | 23-Pls-pen | |

(The solution of this above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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MACAO RACE.

(Continued from page 1.)

best. "Feathers" showed up remarkably well and carried all her sail, whereas some of the other boats had to reef down. "La Cigale" was making good efforts to get up with "Lady Jean," but the Chinese rigged boat seemed to be enjoying the weather and made wonderful progress.

The two boats went through Capsicum together just before darkness fell. "U. and I" being then a little westward of the Brothers with "Feathers" some distance ahead. "La Cigale" eventually reached the Yacht Club just before eight o'clock. "Lady Jean" being only a minute behind her. "Feathers" went through Capsicum third but "U. and I" outskated her in the harbour and reached the Yacht Club about 9.45, followed by "Feathers" twenty minutes later. Other boats came in during the night.

Tavy 11, the winner, took the south course on the way back. The following is the order in which boats arrived back at the Yacht Club:-

Boat	Finishing Time	Position
La Cigale	53 10	1
Lady Jean	54 05	2
U. and I	54 00	3
Feathers	10 17 18	4
Noiseman	10 50 43	5
Queen Bee	10 53 31	6
Tavy	10 55 49	7
Dorothy	12 11 50	8

Coquette did not finish.

Brenda did not finish.

The handicaps were from "La Cigale" the fastest boat as "scratch".

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MARINES LANDED.

Washington, Dec. 25.

American marines have been landed at Puerta Cabezas, the capital of the Nicaraguan liberal forces, from the cruisers "Denver" and "Cleveland" with instructions to protect American lives and property. — Reuter's American Service.

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The chairman of the Messageries Maritimes, Mr. Georges Philippart, and a member of the French Academy of Marine, in an interesting speech on Far Eastern problems before the Franco-American Committee, dealt with the political and trade relations existing between France and these countries, and made suggestions concerning the general policy to be followed by the French Government towards the problems.

Mr. Philippart laid special stress upon the progress made by Japan, and pointed out the unique situation of that nation "which, while maintaining intact the virtues, enthusiasms, and beliefs of old times, adopted the methods of modern science and technicality." He set forth the importance of the new state of things introduced in the Far East on the expiration of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in 1921, pointing out that the development of Japan had far-reaching consequences, as "now other Asiatic peoples had also entered the way of nationalism. In this connection Mr. Philippart's opinion is that the white race nations with interests in the Far East should unite their efforts to counter-balance this pan-Asiatic move."

As to French interests, Mr. Philippart expressed regret at the relatively small extent of trade relations, but said they were steadily increasing. He at the time warned them that the success of French expansion was closely connected with Colonial development there, and said no effort should be spared to increase and improve such valuable element of national patrimony. There was, however, no question of French Imperialism in this connection, for there was no exaggerated ambition in that direction, in view of the big difficulties that are encountered by France in that respect. "Those difficulties," Mr. Philippart added, are only of a transitory nature and, whatever may be their importance, they should not bring about any doubt as to the future of France. France has and should have a future in the East."

XMAS WOES.

A SERIES OF HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS.

ONE CHINESE KILLED.

Carelessness on the part of several Chinese during the Christmas holidays resulted in a series of accidents, one of which was fatal.

From the servants' quarters on the 1st floor of No. 65, Macdonnell Road, a Chinese man accidentally fell into the street and was killed. His body was removed to the mortuary.

Then there was a Chinese woman who also fell into the street. She was putting out clothes on a bamboo to dry, when she tumbled over the (1st floor) verandah of No. 131, First Street, in the western district. She is now being cared for at the Government Civil Hospital.

Also inmates of the hospital are a coolie who got entangled between 2 trucks on the Shauiyuan Road, near Bay View police station; and a Chinese earth coolie who was hurt by a fall of earth at Morrison Hill.

POPE AND FASHIONS.

London, Dec. 18.

According to a Rome correspondent, in receiving the Roman Association of Men's Catholic Associations, the Pope said that they should participate in the crusade against the immoral fashions and irreverent manners of modern women. "All who possess a sense of nobility and human dignity should try to put a barrier to the tendency to modern fashions, which are the seed of countless catastrophes." — Wireless through Reuter.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9 Mar. 12 Mar. 15 Mar. 18 Mar. 27	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30 Apr. 2 Apr. 5 Apr. 8 Apr. 17	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20 Apr. 23 Apr. 26 Apr. 29 May 8	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11 May 14 May 17 May 20 May 29	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave
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DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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NELLORE	6,052	5th March	Marseilles & London
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KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	19th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,504	2nd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACE DONIA	11,120	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KARMAHA	9,128	30th April	Marseilles and London
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ARAFURA	3,000	21st April	
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ARAFURA	3,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,283	19th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	2,007	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MAINTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,052	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	9,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAHA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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A NATION'S GRIEF.

LOCAL OBSERVANCES BY
JAPANESE.

THE EMPEROR'S DEATH.

Japanese residents met at the
local offices of the Japanese consul-
late yesterday morning to consider
the manner in which they would
observe national mourning for the
death of the Emperor.

At the conclusion of the meeting,
a telegram of condolence was sent
to Tokyo.
It was decided that, until Dec. 30,
all Japanese will hoist the national
ensign from their residences, and
offices.

For fifty days from the day of
death, mourning bands, it was de-
cided, would be worn by all Japa-
nese residents.

On the day of the funeral (not
yet announced), there will be a
meeting at the residence of the
Consul General (Mr. Y. Murakami).

Mr. Murakami wishes, through
the "China Mail," to acknowledge
with gratitude the sympathies of
H.K. the Governor, H.E. the Officer
Commanding, and H.E. the Admiral
Commanding the China Squadron,
conveyed through their A.D.C.'s.

MONKEY FLESH.

KILLED IN HONG KONG FOR
FOOD.

At the fortnightly meeting of the
Sanitary Board on Tuesday Mr.
J. P. Braga will ask the following
questions:

"(a) Will the President be
good enough to cause inquiries to
be made into the truth or other-
wise of the report that monkeys
are killed in Hong Kong and their
flesh sold as food for human con-
sumption?"

"(b) If it is found that monkey
flesh is sold for human food, will
the Government favourably con-
sider the enacting of a bye-law
prohibiting such sale of monkey
flesh?"

"(c) Is the President aware
that dissatisfaction exists at the
length of time taken in the con-
sideration of applications for in-
stalling water closets and is it not
possible to expedite such considera-
tion in future?"

"(d) Is it a fact that, when appli-
cations for installing water closets
are refused, the answer to the ap-
plications is usually given in a
stereotyped form without any ex-
plicit reasons being stated for such
refusal?"

"(e) Is it not practicable in future
to state the grounds on which an
application is turned down so as
to enable applicants to meet any
technical or other objections with
a view to a reconsideration of their
applications?"

ECHO OF "MR. A."

WILLIAM CHARLES HOBBS
OUT OF JAIL.

William Charles Hobbs, the
elderly London solicitor who
figured in the "Mr. A." case and
was sentenced to two years' im-
prisonment for conspiracy to de-
fraud, was released from jail in
mail week.

"Mr. A." afterwards disclosed
to be Sir Hari Singh, the young
Indian rajah and now a ruling
prince, paid \$150,000 to com-
pensate a Mr. Robinson who sur-
prised Sir Hari with Robinson's
wife in Paris. Hobbs acted as
solicitor for Robinson; he tried to
escape to Holland, but was arrest-
ed at the coast, in possession of
a suit-case full of notes.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 27—Queen's Theatre:

"Stella Dallas."

December 27—World Theatre:

"The Beauty Prize."

December 27—Star Theatre:

"Married Flirts."

December 27—Isako's Circus at

Kowloon, Chatham Road, 9.15 p.m.

January 26—Dante on H.M.S.

"Tamar."

Meetings.

December 28—Meeting at City

Hall, to welcome His Lordship the

Bishop of London, 4.15 p.m.

January 3—China Provident Loan

& Mortgage Co., Ltd., meeting at St.

George's Bldg., Chater Road, 2.30

p.m.

January 7—Extraordinary meet-

ing of the Royal Hong Kong Golf

Club in Messrs. Jardine's board

room, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

December 28—Annual dinner of

members of Oxford and Cambridge

Society of Hong Kong, at Hong

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January 11—Congregation for

the conferring of degrees at the

University of Hong Kong.

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Straits and Calcutta	LAISANG	Thurs., 30th Dec., at 8 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Sat., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
Haiphong via Hoihow	MINGSANG	Sat., 1st Jan., at 9 a.m.
Singtau via Swatow & Shai	FOOSHING	Sun., 2nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	HOISANG	Mon., 3rd Jan., at 8 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon., 10th Jan., at 2 p.m.
Kobe via Moji	FOOKSANG	Wed., 12th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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and Mrs. G. E. Johnson, Mrs. J.
C. McNab, Miss M. McNab, Mr.
S. T. Patterson, Mrs. B. Robert-
son, Miss E. M. Robertson, Mr.
W. N. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.
Chang Leung-ming, Dr. W. W.
Comfort, Miss R. Edmondson, Dr.
C. K. Edmunds, Dr. and Mrs. R.
L. Watts, Mr. C. G. Copley, Mr.
Bing Tang-chi, Mr. and Mrs. H.
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Botelho, Mr. J. Bradley, Mr. Chan
Tat-cho, Mr. S. Y. Chan, Mr. and
Mrs. Chao Ping-hong, Mr. P. K.
Cheng, Mr. Chow Ming-boar, Mr.
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Mr. G. H. Potts, Miss A. Rowley,
Miss Y. L. Tang and infant, Mr.
V. Dodd, Miss M. Tyrrell, Mr.
U. Chi-foo, Mr. R. W. Wedder-
burn, Mr. P. K. Wei, Mr. and
Mrs. W. T. S. White, Mr. S.
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Wee Ah-kong, Mrs. Wong She, Mr.
Wong Chun-sang, Mrs. Yee See and
Mr. Yates.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirata" from
Amoy, is due here to-day, at about
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The Ben Line s.s. "Benid" from
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don, Straits and Philippines, is due
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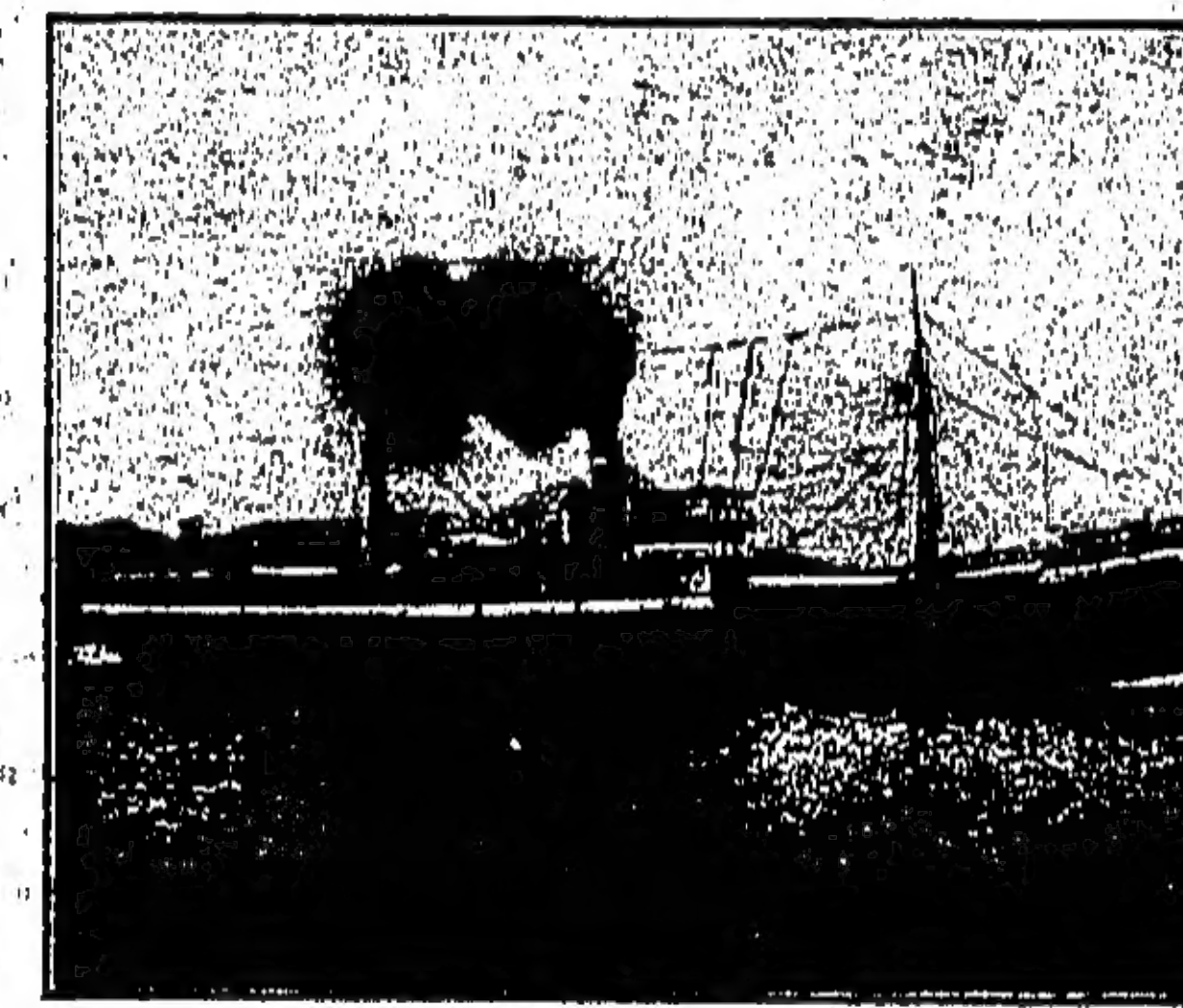
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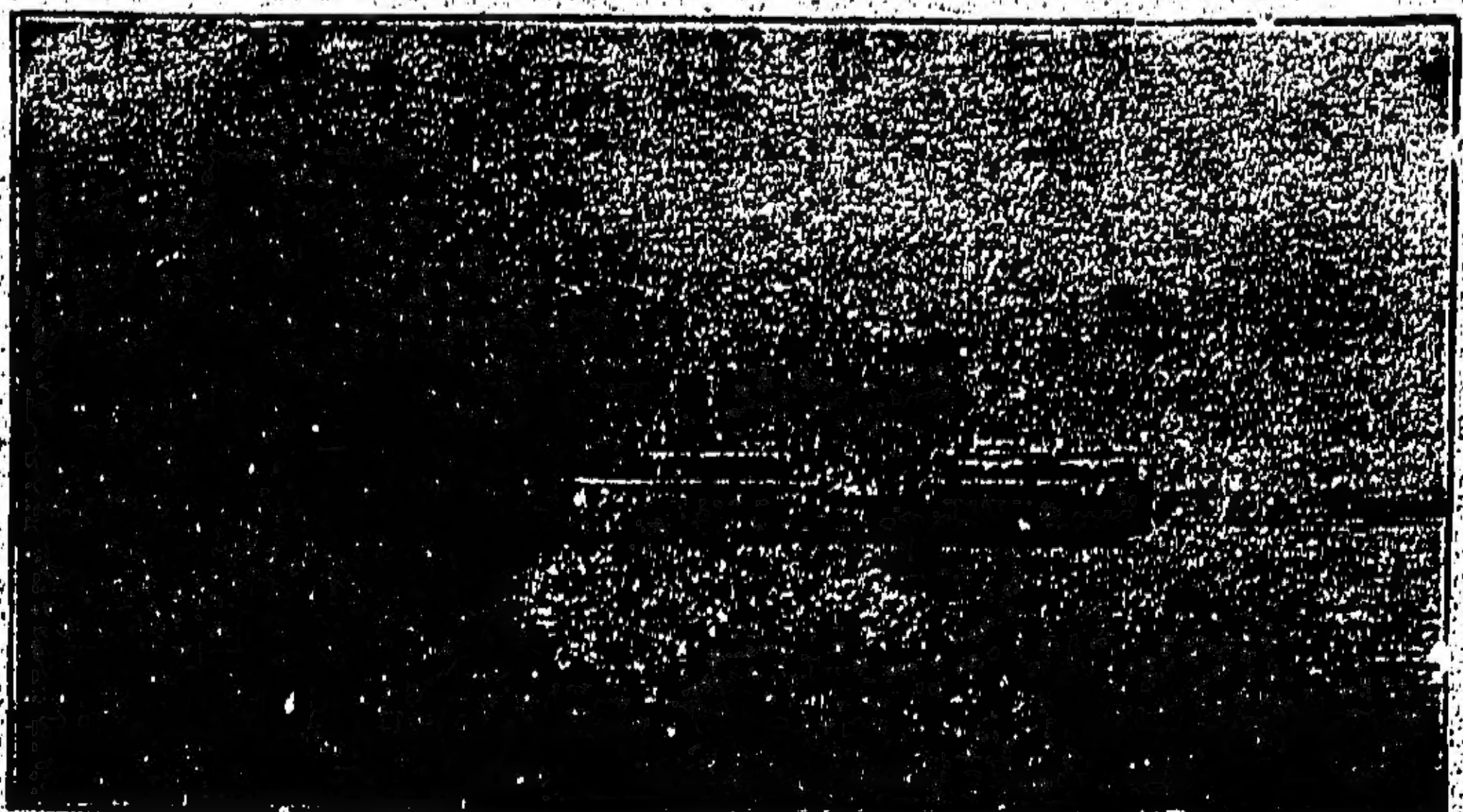
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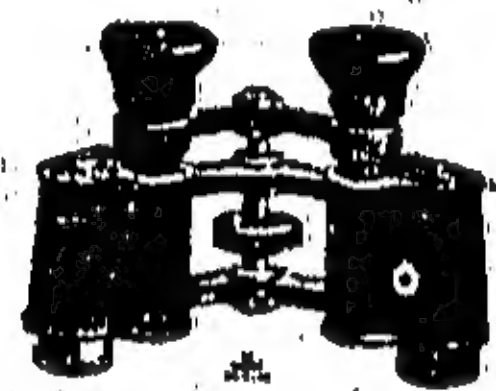
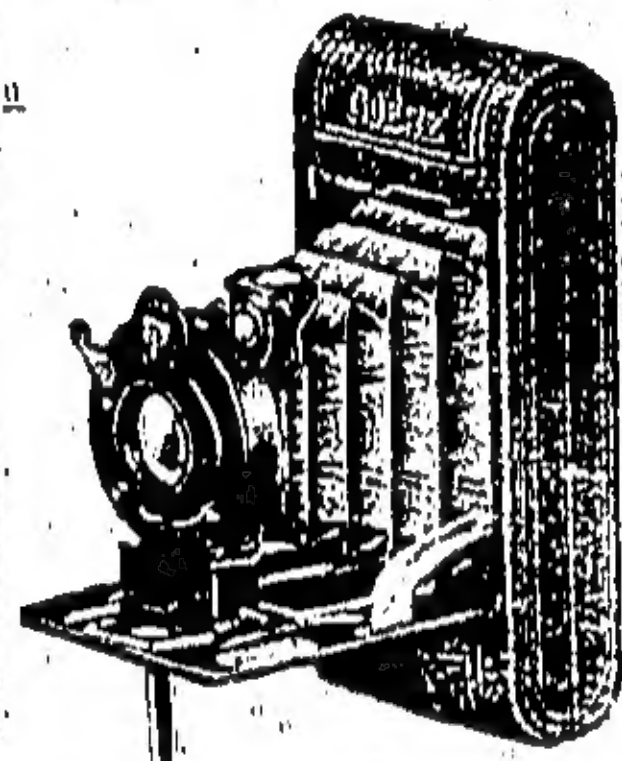
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DEATHS.

McGREGOR.—On Monday, December 20, 1926, at Shanghai, Alexander McGregor, of the Shanghai Municipal Electricity Department, aged 46.

CANDA.—On December 21, 1926, at Shanghai, Isabel Canda, aged 54.

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 27, 1926.

JAPAN'S GREAT LOSS.

"In the midst of life we are in death." In the midst of the great Christmas festival the hearts of Westerners will feel sympathy for the Japanese in their bereavement through the death of their beloved Emperor. For over a month thousands of Japanese of every rank and station have daily attended the ancient shrines praying for the Emperor's recovery. From week to week—and latterly from day to day—hopes were raised that these prayers would be answered, only to be frustrated by His Majesty's frequent relapses. Now he has been called to his fathers, and the nation is plunged into grief.

Of few Oriental rulers hitherto has the solemnity of death so touched the hearts of Occidental peoples, as the passing of Emperor Yoshihito. He became to his own people, and to the outside world, as well, what King Edward was when he succeeded to a Court which, although pure and good, was hedged around by a rugged conservatism that nothing could shake. Like King Edward the Emperor Yoshihito

became—so far as his usually feeble health permitted—one of the people taking the lead in every progressive movement, thinking only of how to elevate the status of his country, looking only to the benefit of his subjects. His rule was nothing if not kindly in the best sense of the word. His passing at the comparatively early age of 47 years will be mourned by Westerners no less than by his own subjects, by all of whom he was revered and loved to a degree practically unknown in the previous history of Oriental nations.

In regard to the new ruler, the Emperor Hirohito, the London "Daily Express" as recently as December 10 described him as a fine example of "the liberal-minded type of new Japan." Concluding its editorial the "Express" called attention to the great responsibility of Japan in the Orient and said:—"We are convinced that the high destiny of the great Empire can be attained only through its learning from the great lessons of Western culture." Thus, whilst we mourn with Japan in her loss of a popular and democratic ruler, we can rejoice with her inasmuch as her welfare is assured as long as the Emperor Hirohito is spared to live and guide the destinies of his people.

Sales for Males.

This, by all the tokens, is the season of the after-Christmas sale. At this time of the year, drapers, succumbing to an attack of benevolence or a sudden fierce of dislike of their stock-in-trade, proceed with passionate haste to dispose of their merchandise to the multitude at prices so reduced as to seem almost invisible. But why not an occasional sale of something in which men are really interested? The tobacco manufacturers, for instance, might hold a sale six times a week; yet, whoever heard of breath-taking bargains in cigarettes or sensational cuts in the prices of cigars? The same applies to golf clubs, season tickets, fountain pens and whisky, all of which are no less necessary to the average man than pyjamas and under-vests. Why not stimulate man's acquisitive sense by offering him now and again all these things at "less than cost price"? Indeed, it seems as though there were no industry that would not benefit by following the drapers' footsteps. A smashing reduction in the price of chops for one week

only would come as a blessing to many, whilst the periodic offer of cabbages at cost price would bring considerable extra custom to the greengrocer. There is much concern at the moment about the slump in trade. Let those interested ask themselves whether they cannot do as the drapers do, and by the exercise of tact, diplomacy and advertisement, persuade large numbers of people to buy, at reduced prices, articles which they would never dream of buying otherwise. Surely such a course would stimulate trade.

LABOUR DISPUTES.

ARBITRATION FAVOURED BY CANTON.

A HANKOW GOVT. ORDER.

In view of the recent wave of labour agitation at Hankow, the Wu-Han cities and other parts of Hupoh province and particularly with regard to the astonishing demands put forward by some unions, it is interesting to note the policy now adopted at Canton, that of closer restriction by the authorities.

Is this policy spreading northwards? The "Canton Gazette," following the announcement of arbitration tribunals in Kwangtung, says:—

In order to mediate labour troubles in Wu-Han and other places in Hupoh province, the Hupoh Provincial Government has organised a Committee for deciding disputes between workers and employers.

"Must Be Obeyed."

The following regulations have been drawn up:—

In case of dispute between workers and employers, in which mediation is of no avail, the matter should be brought to this Committee for investigation and decision.

Within the three days after the receipt of the petition, this Committee will assemble all its members for the investigation of the case, and then call the parties concerned for a final discussion. Decisions reached must be obeyed.

This Committee will arbitrate according to the statement of the parties concerned. Written statement will be used when it is necessary.

Two Thirds Majority.

No arbitration should be made without a general meeting of the arbitrators from all organised bodies which form this Committee, and no arbitration should be decided without having been passed by the delegates of two-thirds of the organised bodies of which this Committee is composed.

In case of inability to attend the meeting on account of business, arbitrators of this Committee may be allowed to send their representatives who will have the full power to act in their stead.

Penalty for Absence.

The arbitrators of this Committee should not be absent intentionally, otherwise the organised bodies to which they belong will be ordered to elect new members for this purpose.

No representatives should be withdrawn by the organised bodies without cause. Before new representatives are elected, this Committee must be first informed of the change.

No one is allowed to participate in the meeting of this Committee, when arbitration is to be made, except the parties concerned and their representatives.

The above regulations will be enforced as soon as same are passed and may be modified should there be any omission.

TEN CASUALTIES.

3 DISASTROUS FIRES IN CANTON.

THREAT TO BURGLARS.

Three disastrous fires occurred in Canton city during the Christmas holidays, one with fatal results.

The first was at Sai Kwa Yuen, an open space where six matchboxes used as barracks were completely destroyed. This was on Dec. 24.

On Christmas morning fourteen shops were gutted in the western part of the city through a fire starting in the early hours in a cake bakery.

At about the same time a Chinese hotel on the western bank was also involved in another blaze. This was attended by ten casualties.

Two persons were burned to death through being asleep at the time while five others escaped with serious injuries. The other three were rescued but not without having been in considerable danger.

Fires and burglaries are always rife at this time of the year. Canton's Police Commissioner has notified that the death penalty will be meted out to burglars convicted during the winter.

DR. C. C. WU.

A Speech on Anti-
Foreignism.

SUGGESTED SOLUTION.

China's Desires For Many
Friends.

Dr. Wu Chao-chia, M.A., LL.B., son of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang who was formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Southern Government and Mayor of Canton, was the speaker at a tiffin at the Union Club of China, there being a very good attendance of members and their friends.

In introducing the speaker, Mr. R. Calder Marshall, chairman of the club, said that:

The Deceasing World.
"To our forefathers, international relations were of importance only in so far as contiguous states were concerned; but to-day owing to the great facilities for travel and the speeding up of all means of transport, all countries throughout the world are neighbouring countries and we are, therefore, in this generation, very much interested in the study of international relations with all countries."

A couple of nights ago, I was looking at comparative scale maps, showing how, since 1800, the cutting of the Suez Canal, rapid steam transit and finally the airship had by lessening the time of transit between various points, reduced the map in 1926 to about 1/30th of the size in 1800. This propinquity, of course, brings with it many additional problems which did not exist in 1800 but, at the same time, it brings the solution for increased facilities for travel mean more contacts and if we use these contacts aright and establish closer and more friendly intercourse and have a freer exchange of thought and opinion we shall have a greater appreciation of each other's difficulties and aspirations and there will be no room for misunderstanding or, if misunderstanding do arise, frank and friendly explanations will soon readjust matters. Though we are all nationalists and love our countries, we know that what is best for one country must ultimately be best for all. I do not mean transient benefit but true and lasting progress.

The Wish for Peace.
"Now-a-days, no one can be a disinterested spectator of the affairs of other countries for, what affects one, affects all as is indicated by sensitive barometer of the money market of the world. What we want is that this barometer should register 'Set Fair' and that commerce should flow normally without excessive fluctuation due to abnormal and unsettled conditions. A few weeks ago, Mr. Lampson speaking here said 'All we want is to be able to pursue our lawful business in peace and security.' That is all any of us want anywhere in the world and if we have that we shall be satisfied."

Since Dr. Wu's return to China he has held many high administrative governmental positions and has gained much experience and we shall, I know, be interested in what he has to tell us.

Dr. Wu's Reply.

Dr. Wu, in response, said that he heartily endorsed the statement that speeches after dinner were crimes but that those after luncheon were vices. (Laughter). He thanked the members of the Club for their invitation to tiffin and recalled the fact that the last time he attended the Union Club it was in another building. The present quarters were far more comfortable and certainly more luxurious than the others. The prosperity of the Union Club of China was a good sign of international understanding and friendship. The business man in China unfortunately had very few opportunities to get into touch and come together, particularly on social lines, with his Chinese friends, his time seeming to be more engaged and occupied in the buying and selling of goods and chattels and in the incoming and outgoing of dollars and cents, particularly the incoming, so that a Club such as this gave an opportunity of coming into contact with outside business. This, said Dr. Wu, was very encouraging and important. It was a good thing. Aside from the social contact, there was the political understanding which was equally as important.

Speaking as a citizen of China and a member of that political party which is being spoken about so often nowadays, the Kuomintang, will you please allow me to say that we, as a party and as a nation, want to be friends with all foreign nations," said Dr. Wu. (Applause). "We have no exclusion of jealousy with any single country. We want to be friends with everybody. As individuals, as a party and as a nation we

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

BOYS SING CAROLS FOR
DR. INGRAM.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

On Christmas Eve about twenty boys of the Diocesan Boys' School went to the Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, where His Lordship the Bishop of London was dining and sang carols accompanied by handbells. Mr. F. Mason conducted and at the beginning and end of the singing Mr. E. C. Thomas played a peal on eight tubular bells. It is hoped that the School will develop the art of bell ringing and thus add to its many activities.

On Christmas Day, the Headmaster (the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A.) and Mrs. Featherstone, the resident staff and the thirty-six boarders remaining in school for Christmas, had tiffin together, and later, together with half of the School servants, went to the circus at Kowloon, an event which was greatly enjoyed.

JAVA 'QUAKE.

Batavia, December 16. — Reports from Propepek, on the north coast of Java, where nineteen distinct earthquake shocks occurred on the 14th inst., state that shocks still continue.

Damage to the amount of 80,000 was done to railway stations. Sixty houses in the neighbourhood are uninhabitable.

want to have as many friends as possible.

The Obstacle to Friendship.

Unfortunately, there is a certain obstacle to complete the friendship between China and the great Powers. I refer to the treaties. One of the Shanghai foreign dailies took me to task, a few days ago, on account of an indiscreet speech I made recently. In that, I tried to give the Chinese point of view in regard to the treaties. I did not try to incite anti-foreignism, as I was accused of. It is foolish to conceal from ourselves facts and facts that foreigners have to face in the Chinese attitude towards the so-called unequal treaties.

When analysed, these are reduced to two privileges—extraterritoriality and a conventional tariff. They are no doubt valuable privileges for foreigners in China, but when we come to look closely in these days, their importance is greatly over-emphasised. Conditions now are very different from 80 or 90 years ago. The privileges of extraterritoriality have not been able to prevent foreigners from having to remove almost wholesale from Chinese cities in the interior. The conventional tariff has not been able to give foreigners in the last two or three years as much business and profit as they would like and, indeed, it has caused considerable losses to some foreign firms. You will agree with me that these privileges which looked so very valuable 80 years ago are not so important or valuable to-day and, with the present tide of rising nationalism in China, these treaties are obstacles to cordial friendship which we should like to see exist.

"I think you agree with me also that the fundamental alteration or revision of the old treaties is necessary. The question has often been asked me 'What can we do now? There is no government in China. If we want to make the changes, whom shall we negotiate with?' Pertinent questions indeed. In regard to this point I have a practical suggestion to make. It seems to me that the foreign Powers may do one or both of these two things.

The Way to Do It.

If there is a government which controls a portion of China and which you think will control the whole of China one of these days you can at once come to an understanding with that government on a regional basis or a declaration can be made by the foreign governments that, as soon as a government exists in China, reorganised by the whole of the country and able to maintain peace and order throughout the Republic, you will at once make the alterations in the treaties which the Chinese people desire. That mode of declaration had been resorted to before and has these two advantages. In the first place, it is not necessary for 16 to 20 big and small Powers to come to an agreement before anything can be done; any one country can make a declaration of policy. In the second place, there is always the suspicion in the Chinese mind that the foreigner is rather reluctant to give up the old privileges so if a foreigner or one foreign country can make a declaration vis-a-vis of these treaties, it would remove the last obstacle to friendship and a substantial understanding." (Applause).

JAPAN'S GRIEF.

Passing of Emperor
Yoshihito.

DEATH DURING XMAS.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—The Emperor is fighting for breath.

An important announcement is expected momentarily. It is officially announced that the opening of the Diet has been postponed until December 28.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, died at 1.25 this morning.—Reuter.

Scene at Bedside.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—The Empress, Prince Regent, Crown Princess, the Premier and others were present at the bedside when the Emperor breathed his last.

A sacred ceremony was held later at Hiyama at which the Regent's accession to the Throne was formally announced.

The Diet opening has been postponed.

Owing to the suspension of commercial business, it is feared the Emperor's death will strike a heavy financial blow, as the year end is always very busy.—Reuter.

Career in Brief.

Yoshihito, 122nd Emperor of Japan, third son of the Emperor Meiji (Mutsuhito), was born August 31, 1879, at Tokyo. The Prince was physically somewhat weak during his early life and Marquis Tadaya Nakayama and Marquis Naoyasu were appointed his guardians.

On the eighth anniversary of his birth the Prince was proclaimed heir apparent, the first of several sons of the Emperor Meiji having died in infancy. In September 1897 the Prince commenced attending the Peers' school and on November 5, 1899 he was declared Imperial Crown Prince.

In 1892 the Crown Prince was appointed to the rank of a first lieutenant in the Imperial army, and two years later left the Peers' School to continue his studies at the Palace under private tutors. In 1895 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1897 took his seat in accordance with prescriptive right, in the House of Peers.

In 1898 he was promoted to the rank of major of infantry and appointed a lieutenant-commander in the Imperial Navy.

On May 10, 1900 the Crown Prince married Sadako, fourth daughter of the late Prince Mitsuaki Kato, and on April 29, 1901 a son, Hirohito, was born, followed by a second son, Prince Yasuhito, on June 25, 1902, and a third, Prince Nobuhito, on January 3, 1905.

In 1903 the Crown Prince was promoted colonel in the army and captain in the navy and in 1905 lieutenant-general and vice-admiral. On July 30, 1912, at the moment of the demise of his father, the Crown Prince ascended the throne, but, owing to the national mourning, the formal ceremony of enthronement did not take place until November 1914.

In the following year a fourth son, Prince Takahito, was born on December 2.

Late Emperor's Family.
Sadako, the Empress, was born on June 25, 1884, and is the daughter of the late Prince Kato, a noble of the 1st rank.

Hirohito, Crown Prince, first son of the Emperor, was born on April 29, 1901. He was proclaimed Crown Prince on September 9, 1912 and appointed Captain of the army and Lieutenant of the Navy in 1915, to be promoted to Major and Lt.-Commander in 1919.

Prince Hirohito visited Europe in 1921, calling at Hong Kong on the way.

He was appointed Regent in November of 1921 on account of the Emperor's illness. His engagement to Princess Masako Kuni-no-Miya was formally sanctioned in June of 1922, and the marriage followed in due course.

Yasuhito, Chichibu-no-miya, second son of the Emperor was born on June 25, 1902.

On his attaining his majority in 1922 he founded a new house by the Imperial order.

Prince Chichibu graduated from the Military Academy in July of 1922, and is attached to the Imperial Guards Division.

He is now on his way back from England, whither he went to study at Oxford University.

Nobuhito, Takamatsu-no-miya, third son of the Emperor was born on January 3, 1905. He is studying at the Naval Academy.

Takahito, Sumi-no-miya, the fourth son of the Emperor, was born on December 2, 1915.

Japan's New Emperor.
His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Hirohito, the first son of the Emperor, was born on April 29, 1901. Leaving school in 1914, he

continued his education under private tutors, history, geography, moral philosophy and the natural sciences claiming his particular interest, and in all these subjects he is deeply read. His interest in science and natural history is evidenced by the excellent collection now to be found in the small private museum founded by the Prince. His interest in the arts also has not been merely academic, since he has proved himself a painter of some merit, his habit being to make little studies of picturesque landscapes and an object of striking beauty or interest observed by him. He was given the title of Crown Prince in November, 1916, attained his majority in May, 1919, and was appointed Regent on November 25, 1921.

The European Tour.

Upon formal completion of his education, he set out on the European tour, in fulfillment of the wish of the late Emperor, and this he accomplished with marked ability and success—for it was an enterprise by no means light. Indeed, in many respects, it was an exciting ordeal, and the Japanese people watched with as much anxiety as deep interest the progress of the Prince, and naturally were highly gratified at the manner in which he distinguished himself. A memorable incident of the tour was the Prince's reception at the Grand-hall, where over 1,000 distinguished guests gathered to give him greeting. In silence and an atmosphere almost of solemnity the Prince was conducted to the platform from which addresses of welcome were delivered, and when his turn came to speak he responded with a brilliant speech, a performance which completely overcame any misgivings as to how he might meet the demands of so important an occasion. The tour was a personal triumph for the Prince and further established him in the esteem and popularity of his people.

Prince Regent.

Returning to Japan and entering on the important duties of Regent, Prince Hirohito at once manifested great energy and practical ability, applying himself very thoroughly to a variety of affairs, and constantly being in touch with men of authority in science, art and education as well as of government, and in intercourse of this kind he has shown personal ability of no mean quality and an inexhaustible interest in affairs of the day. The Prince is very keen on sport, and his principal recreations are riding and golfing. He has given a lead in encouraging a variety of games, supporting Western innovations and at the same time maintaining interest in the national games of Japan.

Prince Hirohito was very deeply concerned in the fate of the unfortunate victims of the great earthquake and spared no personal effort in visiting and comforting the people in various parts of the devastated areas and assisting in devising means for their help.

A Finance Committee meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Tuesday morning, when financial votes totalling \$20,345 will be submitted for approval.

NEW CRUISERS.

MERELY "ROUNDING OFF
NAVY."

AMERICA & DISARMAMENT.

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Coolidge has made a statement reiterating that the move to increase the Navy by ten cruisers is merely meant to round off the Navy, not to stir up competitive naval construction.

Referring to his proposal that the United States should call an other armaments conference for the reduction of armaments, either through the proposed League of Nations disarmament conference or through another Washington conference he said that this would tend to reduce taxation all over the world to enable Europe earlier to reach economic stabilization. The proposed conference which was suggested by the United States should deal with matters left undecided at the previous conference.—Reuter's American Service.

LANDAU INCIDENT.

FRENCH PRESIDENT REMITS SENTENCES.

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Doumergue has signed a decree remitting all sentences of the six Germans in connection with the Gernersheim affair.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 25.—M. Painleve has informed the Cabinet that General Guillaumat commanding the Army of the Rhine has recommended the President of the Republic to exercise his prerogative and pardon the six Germans sentenced in the Landau case.

The court martial into the French and German affair at Gernersheim on September 27 when two French soldiers collided with several Germans, one of whom, Mueller, was killed, and another, Mathes, was wounded by shots from the French, resulted in the French Lieutenant Rouzier being acquitted. Mathes was sentenced to two years in default and minor sentences were passed on five other Germans.

JAVA REVOLT.

Batavia, Dec. 25.

The court has passed the death sentence on three men who tried to stir up rebellion, one of whom murdered a policeman.

One other rebel has been condemned to life imprisonment and one to twenty years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

HINDU LEADER'S DEATH.

Delhi, Dec. 25.

Hundreds of thousands of Hindus, including members of the "untouchable" class, attended the funeral of Swami Shradhanand.

A huge demonstration followed the cremation. The proceedings were orderly except for a few minor incidents in connection with which six Mohammedans have been arrested for stone throwing.—Reuter.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

NATIONALIST MINISTRY'S
PROVINCE.

CIRCULAR TO OFFICIALS.

When the Portuguese Consul-General at Canton, as the dean of the Consular Corps at Shamen handed (on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking) a Note of protest to the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, the Note was returned on the ground that the Ministers of foreign nations at Peking were not accredited to the Nationalist Government.

"Diplomatic Policy."

Now the Nationalist Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent the following circular letter to all their governmental organisations as follows:—

"In accordance with article No. 5 of the 10th resolution passed at the joint conference of the members of the central executive council of Kuomintang and the delegates of the various provincial, city and special Kuomintangs, concerning recent diplomatic policies, in which it is stated that the Kuomintang members, being under the direction of the political council of the central executive committee, should be unanimously in favour of such policies; that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should take the special responsibility of carrying out these policies; and that this right of dealing with foreign affairs, and of directing diplomatic policies, should not be usurped by any organisation or any individual, this Ministry must take the necessary action to unify diplomatic dealings.

Procedure Laid Down.

"It is to be feared, however, that the Consuls of various nations, or other foreign representatives may send dispatches directly to various organisations other than the proper diplomatic organ, thus giving rise to complications. So it is necessary to instruct the various organisations to return such dispatches at once, and also not to send communications direct to any foreign Consul or foreign Government.

"Please instruct your subordinates to take note of the above."

CHINESE BISHOPS.

PRESENT AT BRUSSELS HIGH MASS.

Brussels, Dec. 25.

The Queen, Prince Charles, the Chinese Minister and the Apostolic Nuncio attended a pontifical high mass, celebrated in the Church of St. Michel Gudule by the Chinese bishops visiting Europe.

The service commemorated the septuagesimal of the foundation of the Church.

A Chinese bishop officiated at evening prayer in the afternoon.—Reuter.

INDIA'S POLITICS.

Gauhati, Assam, Dec. 25.

Finding that the delegates from Bengal, Bihar and Assam are in command of an overwhelming majority of the Indian National Congress opening on December 28, which owing to its proximity will be the meeting place, the Responsivists have decided not to fight this session, but to watch developments in the hope that the Swarajists themselves will modify their policy during the first year's working of the new legislatures.

Mr. Eshapatkar, President of the Responsivists, has telegraphed from Poona declaring that the boycotting of the Councils has been tried and found wanting, and obstruction has been found wrong in principle and pernicious in practice.

Ghandi has arrived. There is an indication that the Congress session will be a tame affair of Swarajist domination.

The final election returns showed that the nominees of the Indian National Congress maintained the Swarajists' strength in the All-Indian National Assembly and the Bengal Council. They increased their numbers materially in the Madras, Bihar, and Assam Councils, but suffered reverses in Bombay, the Central Province, the Punjab and the United Provinces. Nevertheless, except in a couple of cases, they formed the largest single political group, though they do not hold an absolute majority in any council.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held this week on Friday afternoon. The orders of the day contain the following new Bills, the first reading of which will be proposed by the Hon. Attorney General:—Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, and Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1909.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

Full Dominion Status
Demanded.

OBSTRUCTIVE POLICY URGED.

Gauhati, Dec. 24.—Over 2,500 delegates and 8,000 visitors were present at the opening of the Nationalist Congress which for the first time is being held in Assam.

Srinivasa Iyengar, former Advocate General of Madras, in a presidential address, asserted that no scheme of self-government would be acceptable which denied the full control of the civil services, the military, naval and air forces, and the political relations of the Indian States and refused India Dominion status on the same terms as were determined at the Imperial Conference.

Iyengar advocated cultural and business association between Asiatic countries and promised full support for Indians striving for equal status overseas.

The Swarajist leader, Motilal Nehru, moved for continuance of the policy involving non-acceptance of Government offices, refusal of supplies, and rejection of the budget.

The Assembly member, Phookan, while admitting that British rule had brought some improvement, charged the Government with poisoning the people of Assam by carrying out the immoral traffic in opium.—Reuter.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE.

ADDRESS AT ST. ANDREWS, KOWLOON.

WORLD TOUR REFLECTIONS.

The Bishop of London, who visited the Diocesan Girls' School and Blind Home yesterday afternoon, preached at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, to a large congregation.

The Bishop took as his text "The mighty God has spoken." At the outset, he referred to the pleasure it gave him to address a gathering in his native tongue after many meetings where he had to speak through the medium of an interpreter.

The beauty of God's mind and the greatness of his power were themes which the Bishop discoursed on. As evidence of the former, one had such beautiful spots as Hong Kong and the "Land of Flowers" through which he had recently passed. The limitless powers of God were illustrated in the millions of "blazing suns" he had created and held in the hollow of his hand. It was a significant fact that the noted astronomers of the day were markedly more religious than those who had not such opportunities for studying the eternity of God's mind as evidenced in his works.

An Early Decision.

Emphasising the necessity for making an early decision in regard to religion, the Bishop spoke of the practice of many parents to direct their children to "wait until you are 19 and then you can choose your religion." He had encountered this tendency particularly in America in the course of his present tour. "I call this perfectly wicked," the Bishop said. Children might as well be told not to use their muscles until they were 19.

In the course of his remarks, the Bishop referred to "a certain amount of friction" which seemed to exist in countries where missionary work was progressing, between the commercial section and those engaged in missionary work. The missionaries were working disinterestedly and were in a position in the majority of cases to help considerably in the matter of education. The Governments of the various places were gradually realising this as was evidenced by the action recently of the Government in Africa in asking the co-operation of the missionaries in educational purposes. The Bishop appealed for greater harmony in relationships among peoples working in foreign lands.

In conclusion, the Bishop gave his hearers two mottoes which had served to help him through his life: "Take one day at a time and trust the Holy Spirit to see you through," and "Look straight into the light and you will always have the shadow behind." With these thoughts he left them, with the assurance that if they were applied to their daily problems much that had before been difficult would become smooth.

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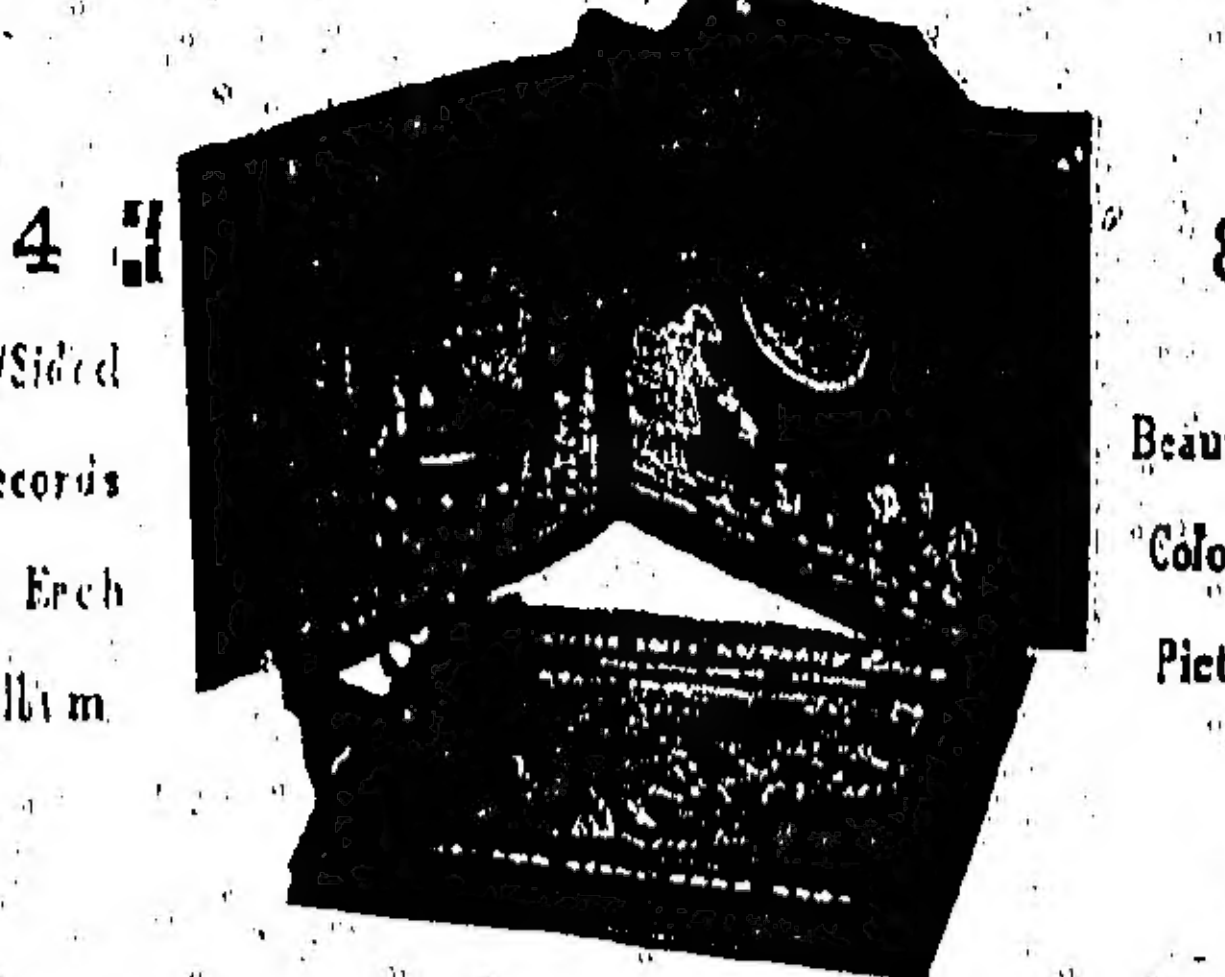
Sydney, Dec. 25.—Fifteen business premises at Kyogle were burned down.

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There was considerable looting.—Reuter.

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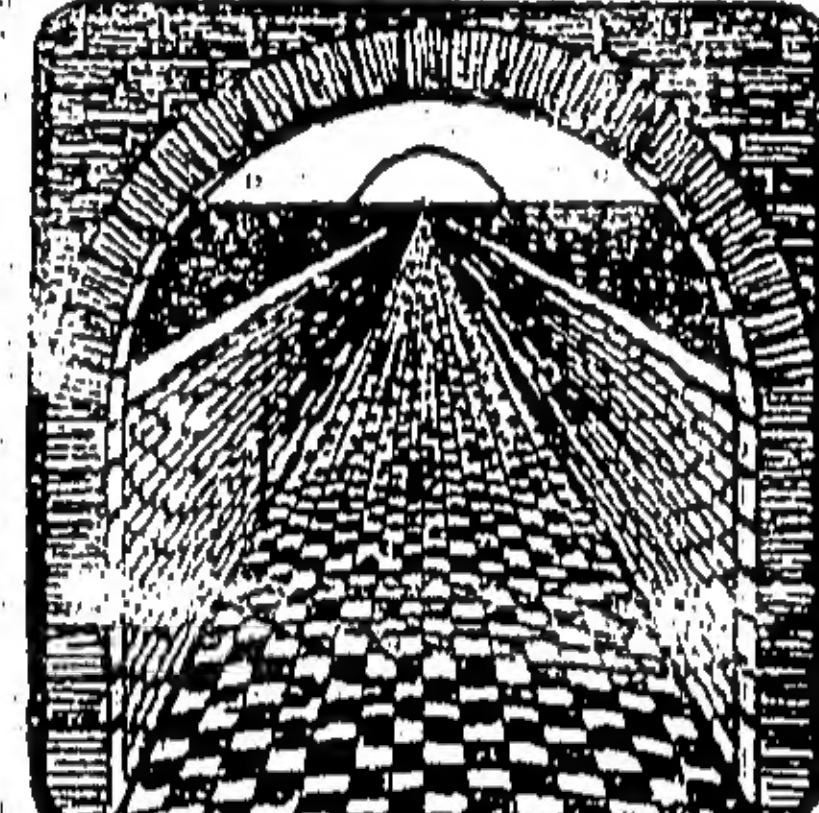
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| 1 pt. D.O.M. | 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin |
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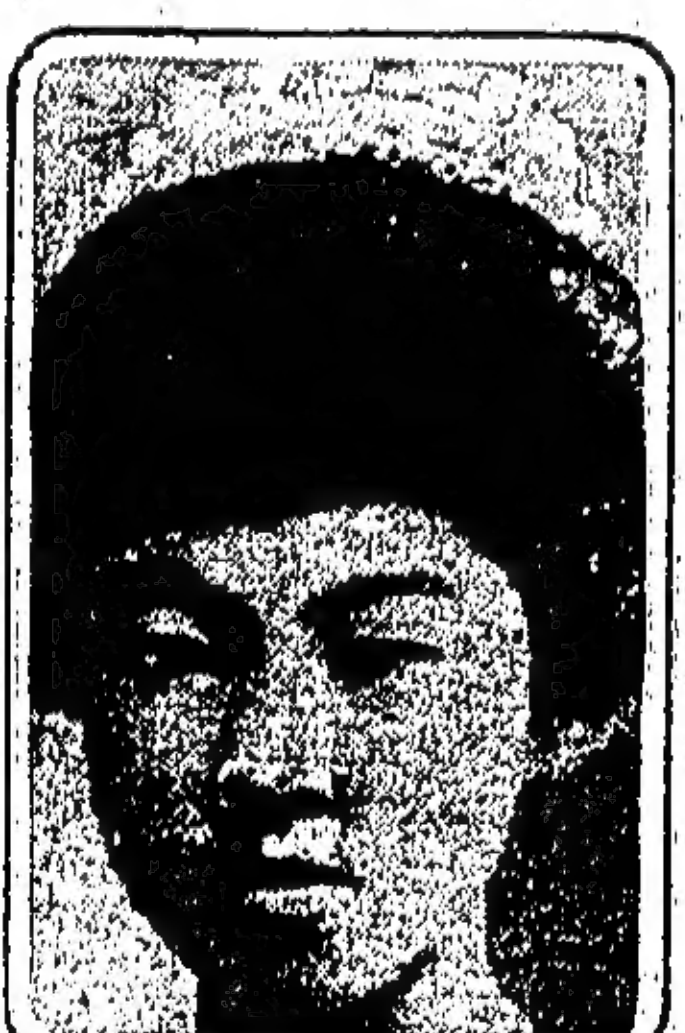
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Hong Kong.

DEATH OF EMPEROR YOSHIHITO OF JAPAN.



EMPEROR YOSHIHITO



EMRESS SADAOKO



CROWN PRINCE HIROHITO



PRINCESS NAGAKO

The Emperor Yoshihito of Japan, who has been ill for years, died at 1.25 a.m. on Saturday morning. Crown Prince Hirohito, who has been Regent since November 25, 1921, succeeds him, and his wife, Princess Nagako, becomes empress.

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have volunteered to join an An-
tarctic whaling expedition for
which only 23 men were required.

A census in the prairie pro-
vinces of Canada shows that the
population of 18 Federal districts
has increased by 8.6 per cent. dur-
ing the past five years.

Creditors under the failure of
the Earl of Pembroke approved by a
majority a scheme providing for the
payment of £30,000, equal, it was
claimed, to more than 6s. in the £.

Proposed repairs to the stone-
work of the Houses of Parliament
are officially estimated to cost
£1,082,350. Their completion will
occupy from twelve to fifteen years.

Mr. W. Baanatyne, veterinary
surgeon, of Haddington, was killed at
Salceote, Yorkshire, through his
motor-car being struck by a train
as he was going over a level-crossing.

The total population of
F.M.S. as estimated on June 30,
1926, was 1,476,032 distributed as
follows.—Perak 654,179, Selan-
gor 457,170, Negri Sembilan
204,257, Pahang 160,426.

During the first eleven months
of 1926, 315,677 Chinese immigrants
arrived at Singapore as against
187,243 in the corresponding period
of 1925. During the same period
106,889 Chinese deck passengers
left as compared with 69,275.

At a luncheon in London, in
connection with the National
Memorial to Queen Alexandra, it
was stated that the total amount so
far received towards the objects in
view was £154,000, which, it is
hoped, will be increased to at least
£200,000.

Latest details regarding the
"at Home" to be given to-morrow
by the Victoria Diocesan Associa-
tion to His Lordship the Bishop
of London at the City Hall are
announced in an advertisement
on page 3 of this issue. Guests
must bring cards with names and
will be received between 4.15 and
4.50 p.m. They should take their
seats by 5.10 p.m. in the Theatre
Royal for the meeting at 5.15 p.m.

A donation of £1,000 has been
sent by Messrs. Alfred Holt and
Co. to the fund for securing the
Old Blue Coat School to the city
of Liverpool.

"This is the sort of man he is
—the other day he kicked a cock
because it would not lay an egg."
So said an inspector at Doncast-
er when a man was charged with
cruelty to his wife.

The travelling Japanese
police which were abolished in
consequence of the restriction of
railway passes carried out by the
Former Railway Minister, Mr.
Sengoku, will be reinstated in
consideration of an increase of
crimes on trains.

Uncle Sam's herd of fur seals
harboured on Alaskan islands in-
creased 38,281 last year. It is re-
ported that account made on
August 10 showed the herd total
to be 761,281.

Sowing by aeroplane has been
inaugurated by the Manitoba De-
partment of Agriculture. A
number of sacks of wild rice have
been forwarded to the Lake Cor-
morant station on the Hudson
Bay Railway for distribution by
aeroplane over suitable marshes in
the Manitoba northland.

According to reports from
Balta, Moldavia, three Russians,
one of them a woman, were shot
for alleged espionage in behalf of
Roumania. It was charged that
they gave information systemati-
cally to the Roumanian War Office
respecting the location of "Red"
army forces.

Filipino women refuse to be-
come "Americanized." Unlike
their male contemporaries who
are rapidly absorbing the modes
and habits of American residents,
the younger generation of Fili-
pino girls are as conservative as
their mothers. With few excep-
tions they have spurned bobbed
hair and knee-length dresses. At
all dances, parties and receptions
given by students and young peo-
ple's societies there are almost as
many mothers as dancers.

As some members of Leeds
Board of Guardians consider fun-
dation suits degrading, the inmates of
the Beckett-street Poor Law Insti-
tution are to wear trousers only of
this material.

Says the "Strait Times": The
"endless chain of luck" nuisance
is with us again. Several instances
of this form of lunacy have been
brought to our notice. We strongly
advise all who receive these silly
communications to destroy them at
once.

Lassen Peak, California, the
only active volcano in continen-
tal United States, has been rest-
less recently. Seismograph re-
ports from the Government ob-
servatory at the base of the peak
show that a severe earthquake
was recorded. Reports state that
earthquakes and the accompa-
nying rumbles are due to variation
of internal pressure in the vol-
cano.

A report on the population
and area of Eastern Mongolia and
North and South Manchuria is
issued by the Bureau of Mon-
golian and Tibetan Affairs.
The statement sets forth that
7,777,000 people live in eastern
Mongolia, which has an area of
24,900 square li. In Southern
Manchuria, the population is
12,580,000, and the area 12,440
square li. In Northern Man-
churia, the population is 4,898,
000 and the area 37,400 square li.

With aeroplanes whizzing over-
head at all hours of the day, and
important delegations of govern-
ment officials arriving at every mo-
ment, Hankow continues to grow
more important every moment.
Newspaper correspondents gener-
ally show which way the
political wind blows, and
at present there are four visi-
tors representing foreign news-
papers visiting Hankow: Sir Per-
cival Phillips, of the "Daily Mail";
Mr. David Fraser, of "The Times";
who is accompanied by Mrs. Fraser;
Mr. Charles Dailley, of the
"Chicago Tribune," who arrived
early and was present during the
entire Nationalist campaign; and
Mr. George Sokolsky, of the "Daily
Express."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. F. W. Mager, M.I.C.E.,
State Engineer, Perak, is leaving
for home on retirement. He
came to Malaya in 1904.

Major Philip Durning Holt, of
Sibbersfield Hall, Chester, has been
nominated one of the three sheriffs
for the County of Cheshire.

Baroness Strathcona's will,
lodged at Dunoon, shows a total
aggregate for duty of £8,687,863.
The death duty is £2,166,780.

Mr. Michael O'Leary, V.C., who
has been unemployed in Canada, is
stated to be returning to England
to take up a position with an Eng-
lish hardware firm.

Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P.
for Wallasey, was slightly injured
in a collision between two omnibuses
in London on November 18,
sustaining cuts over the right eye
from broken glass. Miss Bondfield's
late father was the first minister
of Union Church, Hong Kong.

Flag list changes notified by the
Admiralty include the retirement of
Admiral the Hon. Sir Victor A.
Stanley, Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis
Clinton-Baker to be Admiral, Rear-
Admiral Sir Henry T. Butler to be
Vice-Admiral, and Captain the Hon.
A. B. S. Dutton to be Rear-Admiral.

A writer in the "Daily Chronicle"
says that when Bertrand Russell
was in Peking his Chinese friends,
finding it impossible to pronounce
the name of "Russell," put another
one ready for him, to wit, "Lo Su."
Presumably Lo Su is the nearest
to Russell that the Chinese tongue
can manage; if you say it quickly
you will see the connection!

The following deaths were an-
nounced in mail week.—Mr. John
Edward Taylor, head of a North-
ampton shoe manufacturing firm,
and a former town councillor, aged
73. Canon Thomas Hands, of
Holy Trinity Church, Shoreditch E.,
for 31 years vicar of St. Lawrence,
Northampton, in a London hospital.
Vice-Admiral John E. Drummond,
who was in command of the
"Aboukir" when she was torpedoed
in the early days of the war and
rescued from the Navy in 1915; at
Kerquinn, Fortargh, aged 69.
Colonel James A. Pearson, who com-
manded the Green Howards in the
South African War and served in
the divisional staff, Southern Com-
mand, in the late war; at Walling-
ford, Kent, aged 70.

Sir Matthew Nathan attended
Mrs. Amery's At Home at 112,
Eaton-square, on November 17.

Princess Marie Louise opened a
new artificial sunlight clinic at the
Midway Memorial Hospital, New-
ington-green.

The residence of the Dowager
Lady Michelham at 20, Arlington-
street, Piccadilly, S.W., was sold by
auction for £76,000.

Lady Ravensdale has returned to
England from her long holiday,
during which she visited China and
Japan, and is leaving for Melton
Mowbray, hoping for some hunt-
ing.

The King received in audience at
Buckingham Palace on November
23 Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald
Tyrwhitt, Bart. on his appointment
as Commander-in-Chief, China
Station.

One of London's oldest registrars
of marriages, Mr. Benjamin Bates
Bull, who is 65 years of age, has sat
at the same desk in the Archbishop
of Canterbury's Faculty Office, Knight-
rider-street, E.C., is at the age of
80 to take a rest.

Prince Frederick Victor Duleep
Singh, Norfolk, a well-known anti-
quary and formerly an officer in the
Norfolk Yeomanry, with whom he
served in the Great War, left un-
settled property valued for the pur-
poses of the English grant at
£20,166. A collection of eighty-
two Norfolk and Suffolk portraits he
bequeathed to the Borough of
Thetford.

The Rev. K. Anstey, the new
chaplain to the Wesleyan Church,
Wanchai, arrived from London on
the "Halyan" with Mrs. Anstey.
Other passengers for Hong Kong
included Sub-Lt. C. H. de Newby,
R.N., and Mr. A. Gordon from
London; the Rev. Mother Cecilia,
S.O.; Lt.-Com. J. E. Newell, R.N.
Matilda and Catharine from Colon;
from Singapore; There were on
board also a good many for Shang-
hai and Japan ports.

TODAY'S WEDDING.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral
this morning, a wedding took place
between Mr. T. S. Z. Gards of the
Duro-Motor Co., Kowloon, and Miss
E. Mercer of the Italian Con-
vent. Invitations were not issued
but a number of friends attended
the Nuptial Mass.

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INTERNATIONAL CUP TIE.

Portugal, the Holders, Lose to China.

(By W.P.C.)

Odds of 7 to 1 which I saw offered and accepted on the ground on Saturday against China were surprisingly upset when Portugal, holders of the "Sunday Herald" International Football Cup were knocked out in the first match of this year's tournament.

No wonder the Chinese crowd of about 10,000 strong literally went mad after the game. Even if China fail to succeed in the final against the winners of to-day's tie, her soccer prestige has been restored to the pitch attained when the S.C.A.A. with a sprinkling of Northerners' combination returned from the tour in Australia and the local first eleven won the Hong Kong League.

On the form shown yesterday—even though it may be necessary to make a change or two—Hong Kong is more than likely to provide the players to represent China at the next Far Eastern Olympiad, with every chance of winning again.

Beaten for Speed.

From another point of view, the Chinese (who had eight men from the Athletic) paid off an old score in the shape of a 5-1 defeat at the hands of the Club de Recreo recently in the League.

The "babe" of the senior division—now potential champions—had the honour of representing Portugal exclusively.

It will not go so far as to say that the holders of the local international trophy crumpled up in adversity. Rather, they were met by a team which had learnt a lesson—that of the necessity of shooting every time and of being robust as well as merely clever.

For speed, the Portugal or Recreo team—call them which ever you please—were beaten.

Against a stubborn defence which clung on desperately the Portuguese forwards were not nearly so dangerous as of yore. By sticking to the Portugal vanguard and tackling them instead of waiting for their own half backs to return, Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat distinguished themselves and prevented their opponents from scoring.

Hero of the Game.

But Tso Kwai-shing, the nippy little forward from Shanghai (who came down when Wong Shui-wa returned to the Colony after a sojourn in the North) was the hero of the day.

China:—Eau Ka-ping (Chinese Athletic); Ng Kam-chuen (Athletic); Lai Yuk-tat (Athletic); Ko Sik-wai (South China A.A.); Wong Shui-wa (Athletic); Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic); Tso Kwai-shing (Athletic); Fung King-cheung (South China); Chan Si (South China); Shun Kam-shun (Athletic); Chan Kwong-yi (Athletic).

Portugal:—M. M. da Silva; W. C. O'Leary; P. M. Xavier; C. P. Remedios; A. A. dos Remedios; H. C. Remedios; J. M. da Silva; A. P. Eustacio; A. Gosano; L. A. da Rocha; A. J. Brown (all of Club de Recreo).

Referee: Mr. Phillips. Linesmen: Messrs. Lawrence and Omar.

Old Policy Followed.

As stated, Portugal nominated the whole of the Recreo team to defend her title. China used the Athletic side as a nucleus and made changes here and there. Chan Si, the S.C.A.A. left back came in as leader of the attack and gave a creditable account of himself, holding his line together and using his two unassuming wings to the best advantage.

Fung King-cheung, South China's centre forward, came in as right inside to partner Tso, who went out to the extreme position while Ng Kam-chuen retired to his more familiar position in the defence. Ko Sik-wai's speed and size added strength to the halves.

Having found the policy to have paid so often in the past, the Portuguese team relied on vigour and speed, backed up by machine-like combination.

How Two Goals Were Scored.

Instead of having the upper hand while the other side found their feet, they were hemmed in from the

start. To round off the surprise they did not go to pieces when two goals behind but put even more vim into their rushes.

Chances were certainly missed in both halves. For once the Recreo vanguard were inaccurate when in front of the enemy's citadel. And to crown all, Gosano, their crack shot, missed a penalty!

Then China were already one goal up. In the second half they clinched matters by getting another.

Both these two goals came directly from Tso Kwai-shing. Midway in the first half, he took the ball down brilliantly down the right wing and centred beautifully to the left inside (Shun Kam-shun, the best opportunist in the Chinese front line).

When Individualism Paid.

Suen was left unmarked for just that fraction of a second when the Portuguese rear-guard had been drawn by Tso's spectacular run and he made no mistake, heading the leather into goal before M. M. da Silva could take stock of his position. Coming like a flash, the ball was in before anybody had realised that the scoring had been opened. How the densely packed crowd cheered!

The second goal was even more remarkable for brilliance. Twenty minutes from the end Tso set off instantly a pass went out to him and raced down the wing, dribbling past each defender who tried to balk him. Swerving in from the touch line, he worked in a little closer and barged the ball into the net with the Portuguese goalie standing.

After the first goal and before the interval, Gosano was entrusted with a penalty kick and Ban Kaping brought off a fine save, if a trifle lucky to do so at the expense of a corner. There was no alternative as Gosano had followed up his shot and was dangerously close.

Science or Rough Play?

The Chinese custodian was also at the very top of his form, once going full length on the grass to deal with a bang from Gosano.

Gosano, as Hong Kong's last interport centre forward, played a sterling game, but he missed narrowly on two or three occasions when he might have scored. His colleagues backed him up well in the open by their punt and rush tactics but failed at the critical moment to find their target.

When his side was sorely pressed, Gosano fluctuated between forward and pivot as is his wont but he pre-

(Continued on page 12.)

ABNORMAL SCORES.

X'mas Soccer In Home League.

9 & 10 GOAL MATCHES.

Holiday For Scottish Forwards Indicated.

This time of the year Home soccer is usually associated with surprising results in the league when the holiday feeling causes strange doings.

Some of the reputedly strong teams lost to opponents weaker on paper and quite a number of clubs won away fixtures.

Two games produced 7-3 scorers, another ended 8-7, and there were 5-4, 7-2 and a 3-5 in the English League. On the other hand, forwards in division I of the Scottish League must have had a real holiday as many sides failed to score and quite a few shared the points.

That the soccer was abnormal is evident from a cursory glance but the Home players, as this year saved from the bugbear of a heavy programme because Christmas and New Year fall on Saturdays, thereby making for two days less from an arduous week.

To-day there is practically another full day and results will be given to-morrow.

London, Dec. 25.

Matches in the principal football leagues to-day resulted (home team given first):—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa 4, Sheffield 0.
Blackburn 4, Huddersfield 2.
Bolton 3, Derby 1.
Burnley 4, Liverpool 0.
Bury 2, Wednesday 0.
Everton 5, Sunderland 4.
Leicester 5, West Bromwich 0.
Newcastle 5, Cardiff 0.
Tottenham 1, Manchester United 1.

West Ham 1, Birmingham 0.

Division II.

Chelsea 1, Hull 0.
Clapton Orient 1, Port Vale 2.
Derby 3, Barnsley 3.
Grimsby 2, Blackpool 1.
Manchester City 3, Middlesbrough 5.
Notts County 0, Southampton 1.
Oldham 5, Swansea 2.

MAORIS WIN.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH.

FRANCE, LOSE AT PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 25.

The touring team of Maori ruggerites defeated All-France by 12 points to 3 in an international rugby match.—Reuter.

"PEGGY" BETTINSON DEAD.

London, Dec. 24.

The death has occurred of Mr. A. F. Bettinson, popularly known as "Peggy," the well-known sportsman and managing director of the National Sporting Club, from heart failure after pneumonia.—Reuter.

Portsmouth 0, Notts Forest 0.
Reading 2, Fulham 0.
South Shields 1, Preston N.E. 1.
Wolverhampton 7, Bradford City 2.

Div. III (South).

Aberdare 3, Bristol City 7.
Brighton 2, Northampton 0.
Bristol Rovers 6, Southend 1.
Charlton 3, Gillingham 0.
Coventry 3, Crystal Palace 1.
Luton 6, Millwall 0.
Newport 2, Burnmouth 1.
Norwich 2, Brentford 1.
Plymouth 2, Exeter 0.
Swindon 3, Merthyr 2.
Queen's Park Rangers 2, Watford 4.

Div. III (North).

Accrington 2, Tranmere 3.
Barrow 1, Stockport 3.
Bradford 7, Doncaster 3.
Chesterfield 5, New Brighton 1.
Durham 0, Ashington 2.
Hull 1, Southport 1.
Hartlepool 3, Crewe 1.
Rochdale 7, Lincoln 3.
Stoke 4, Rotherham 1.
Walsall 3, Wigan 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 0, Cowdenbeath 0.
Airdrieonians 1, Clyde 1.
Celtic 4, Kilmarnock 0.
Dundee United 2, Rangers 0.
Dunfermline 1, Morton 1.
Hearts 0, Dundee 0.
Motherwell 2, Queen's Park 1.
Partick 0, Falkirk 1.
St. Johnstone 0, Hibernians 0.
St. Mirren 0, Hamilton 1.
—Reuter.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

FRIENDLY MATCHES LAST SATURDAY.

CLUB v. ARMY TO-DAY.

Commencing at 10.30 a.m. on the H.K.C.C. ground to-day, the first of the local festival week triangular matches will be played between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Army. The teams announced are:—

Hong Kong C.C.:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Sayer, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. D. Humphreys, G. R. Vallack, G. F. Gardner and another.
The Army:—Captain D. W. Morris, I.A.S.C., Major L. J. Lightfoot, R.A.P.C., Captain A. G. Dobbie, K.O.S.B., Capt. C. A. Bridgland, R.C. of S., Capt. Haukey, K.O.S.B., Capt. Thorp, K.O.S.B., Lt. Col. W. A. Edmeades, R.A., Mr. Gr. Foden, R.A., Capt. Bevis, R.A., Capt. Evers and one of the following Lt. Wright, R.A., Capt. Howard, R.A. or Major Greig, R.A.

On the Club side are Pearce, Hayward, Owen Hughes and Bowker who played in the last Inter-Port. Hancock and Sayer have been previously "capped." Morris, Lightfoot and Dobbie, in the military team, represented Hong Kong. Both sides seem fairly strong in batting and a draw is not unlikely.

MATCH AT H.K.C.C.

Two interesting friendly matches were played on Christmas Day.

Teams of 12-a-side, led by T. E. Pearce and Captain A. G. Dobbie, both with a sprinkling of Service players, played a draw on the Hong Kong C.C. ground, the bat getting the better of the ball. Scores:—

Mr. T. E. Pearce's XI:—
Lt. Brewerton, lb.w., b Dobbie 15
E. J. R. Mitchell, retired 28
Webb-Bowen, c Benson, b Lightfoot 49
Gray, c Vallack, b Lightfoot 1
Capt. Perfect, lb.w., b Lightfoot 1
Muck, c Garnons-Williams, b Benson 0
Lt. Sturgess, bowled Benson 0
Corduff, bowled Garnons-Williams 1
Duncan, bowled Garnons-Williams 7
J. D. Summers, c Newall, b Sparks 20
Parker, not out 29
T. E. Pearce, not out 29
Extras 18

Total (for 10 wks., dec.) 177

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 8 0 30 1
Lightfoot 11 2 51 3
Vallack 2 0 22 0
Benson 3 0 23 2
Garnons-Williams 4 1 19 2
Sparks 3 0 18 1

Capt. A. G. Dobbie's XI:
Captain Thierp, c Pearce, b Parker 10
Lt. Sparks, bowled Parker 8
D. E. G. Nicholson, c Duncan, b Parker 8
Major Lightfoot, c Summers, b Parker 25
Perfect 1
Lt. Garnons-Williams, b Parker 8
Newall, not out 4
Benson, c Summers, b Duncan 3
P. J. Ling, not out 30
Extras 22

Total (for 6 wks.) 146

Captain Dobbie, Lt. Huesey, Hinton, G. R. Vallack, did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Parker 9 4 18 4
Sturgess 7 0 37 0
Perfect 5 1 20 1
Webb-Bowen 3 0 23 1
Duncan 3 0 12 1
Gray 1 0 12 0

C.R.C. v. "Hawkins."

On their own ground, Chinese Recreation Club lost to H.M.S. "Hawkins" by five wickets.

Scores:—
Chinese R.C.:
C. Choa, b Noble 20
E. P. Lee, b Crouch 31
H. F. Un, b Noble 0
H. C. Hung, c Crouch, b Gardiner 6
Ng Sze-kwong, b Crouch 19
H. Hung, c Binn, b Crouch 12
Cheung Wing-kuo, b Stemp 21
K. L. Chai, c Binn, b Gardiner 6
A. Hung, b Stemp 9
Cheng Chi-wing, not out 1
Extras 12

Total 122

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Gardiner 9 2 23 3
Noble 8 0 36 2
Martin 8 2 22 0
Crouch 8 2 22 0
Stemp 3 4 0 1 2

Hawkins.

Ch. E. A. Binn, b Ng Sze-kwong 24
Ch. Wtr. Beasley, not out 63
2nd Wtr. Martin, b Ng Sze-kwong 0
O. A. Lock, b Ng Sze-kwong 7
G. P. O. Lynch, run out 4
E. R. A. Kirk, b H. G. Hung 11
Ldg. Smry, Crouch, not out 18
Extras 8

Total (for 5 wks.) 185

Gardiner, Stemp, and Noble did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Ng Sze-kwong 10 0 41 3
H. F. Un 8 1 24 0
E. P. Lee 1 0 4 1
H. C. Hung 8 1 45 1
H. Hung 2 1 13 0

Owing to the Navy and Army cricket match on December 29 and 30 the "Sim" Shield hockey match between H.K.C.C. and Royal Navy for this Wednesday, December 29, is unavoidably postponed until Wednesday, January 12.

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Mrs. Margaret Henderson escaped jail when she was tried for attempting to kidnap her child from its wealthy foster parents.



Here is a new picture of Henry L. Dickman, former New Jersey state trooper assigned to investigate the Hall-Mills murder, and a star witness for the State in its case against Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and relatives accused of the murder. All the accused were acquitted.



Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell was to appear before voters of Kentucky, like this if friends succeeded in running her for Governor.



Dissatisfied with pictures taken by newspaper photographers, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, one of those accused of the Hall-Mills murder, had this picture taken, retouched, and distributed. With the other accused she was acquitted.



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Some form of life on Mars is probable, Dr. W. W. Campbell, famous astronomer, declared. Prince Henry of Prussia is planning a visit to Mexico. Audrey Emery, of New York, was to be the first American Grand Duchess on record with her marriage to Grand Duke Dimitri, cousin of the late Tsar. She's worth \$8,000,000; he's "champion champagne salesman of the world."



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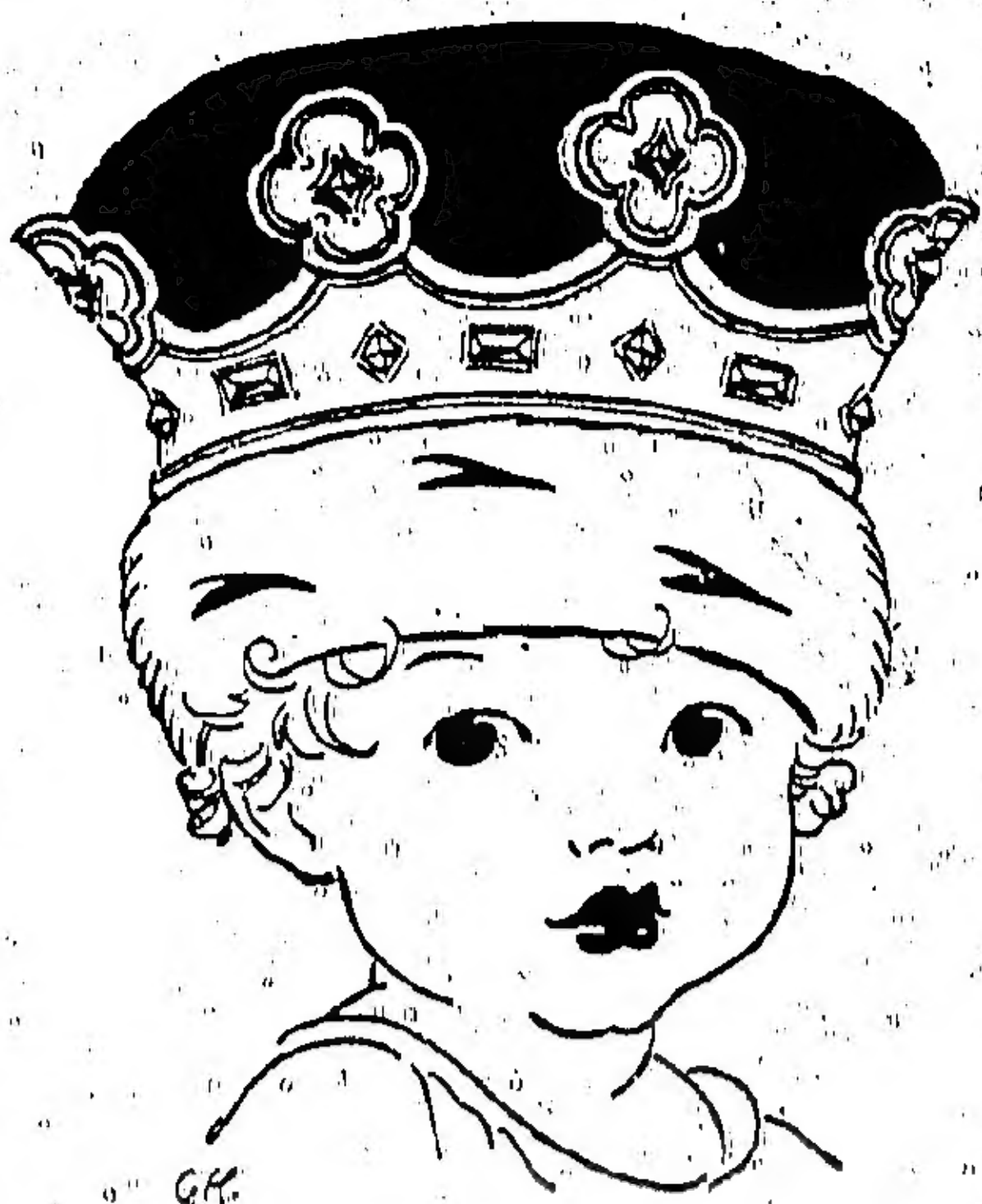
MARIA RATTI

Henry Houdini, stage magician, recently died at Detroit. Mrs. Eula E. Croker, widow of Richard Croker, New York political boss, won a Supreme Court decision against his children by his first wife. They sought a share of his Florida property. New York athletes demand that Uldine Utley, child evangelist, should take out working papers before she be permitted to preach. Countess Maria Ratti, niece of the Pope, has been married to Marquis Persiletti.

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DIVORCE SUIT.

TRIALS OF COAST-OFFICER'S WIFE.

"12 LONG, WEARY YEARS."

In H.B.M.'s Supreme Court recently before Judge Peter Grain, Mrs. Emily Edith Lucan sought to obtain a dissolution of her marriage with Thomas R. Lucan, a marine officer formerly employed in the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company and the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, on the grounds of cruelty and adultery. Mr. A. Y. Ting represented the petitioner. Respondent was unrepresented.

As in all divorce cases now coming before the Judge of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court in China, Counsel was first required to prove domicile of the respondent before evidence could be taken. After reading the petition, which was one of the longest documents of its kind ever used in a divorce case in the local British Court, Mr. Ting described the marriage of his client to the respondent, which took place on May 29, 1914, as "twelve and a half long, weary years" and a "most unhappy marriage." In that petition, a long succession of cruelties, infidelities and adulteries on the part of the respondent was described together with dates and places with reference to each specific offence. According to the petition, respondent was a devoted inebriate and delirium tremens was more than once mentioned in the course of the reading of the petition. Drink had been the chief cause of the marriage being an unhappy one, it being responsible for respondent losing several good positions, and his being forced to depend upon his loyal wife's earnings as governess and manageress of a private hotel.

Respondent had more than once been sent away from Shanghai in order that he might get a fresh start in some other port where he was still unknown for what he was, but he inevitably drifted back to Shanghai and lived upon his wife who felt that further repetition of several "scenes" when he returned on these occasions, would likely endanger her own position. Divorce was the only course to be taken.

Court Martial.

In order to prove domicile, petitioner took the witness stand. She stated that they had been married at Birkenhead, England, at the time stated above, and shortly after their marriage, when war broke out, her husband joined the Navy. He only stayed one year in this service, being dismissed following court-martial for insubordination and drunkenness. His reputation being then well known to every shipping company at home, they decided to emigrate to Australia and arrived in Western Australia where the

husband worked on the land for several months to very little purpose.

Finally they both crossed the continent to Sydney where respondent endeavoured to secure a position on one of the Australian coasting vessels. He did not meet with much success, and finally accepted a berth as Chief Officer on a vessel leaving for China. Upon arrival here he joined Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and nine months later sent for his wife. Petitioner arrived in Shanghai in February of last year. She found her husband quite satisfied with his job but more than ever addicted to drink. He lost his job with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company early this year but never at any time lost his liking for drink.

At Hong Kong Races.

Realising that his prospects for another position in Shanghai were somewhat remote, petitioner then raised \$1,000 after much effort and sent her husband back to Australia. He disembarked at Hong Kong, however, lost most of the money she had given him at the races and returned to Shanghai within two weeks—broke. He then succeeded in getting a post with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company but crink continued to be his chief concern and he lost that job also. His wife then decided to send him a draft instead of cash for his expenses. He went to Singapore and remained there for five months, returning in October last—as usual.

He immediately went to where his wife was employed and created a scene. "This is the only place in the world where he can get a job," declared petitioner in an attempt to prove domicile. "He knows that he can never get another job at home."

This concluded petitioner's evidence, and Counsel asked His Lordship's permission to call a witness to assist in proving domicile. This witness would state what respondent had said to him on a number of occasions as to his intentions to remain in China. The witness was called and testified that respondent, who was well known to him, had often expressed a desire remain in China.

Judge's Regrets.

His Lordship feared, however, that such evidence did not help very much. "I regret to say," said His Lordship, "that there is no evidence of domicile in China so far. No doubt the petitioner has been extremely ill-treated and she deserves sympathy. But domicile must be proved according to a comparatively recent law affecting countries wherein extra-territoriality privileges are enjoyed by Britons."

"The evidence only shows, as a matter of fact, that respondent intends to remain where his wife is, so that 'he can live on her. Even now, you say, he is not in

Shanghai and petitioner does not know where he is. On the facts there is not a little of evidence to show that he has a permanent intention of remaining in China. Therefore I have no jurisdiction to try the question of dissolution of marriage."

His Lordship then suggested to Counsel that his client apply for a judicial separation, which he could grant. He had no doubt, however, that if divorce proceedings were instituted in an English Court they would be favourable to the petitioner, but Counsel said that cost of same would be prohibitive.

The idea of a judicial separation, His Lordship said, would be to prevent respondent molesting the petitioner in future. "I regret very much," said His Lordship, "that there is not sufficient evidence of domicile. On the contrary the evidence tends to show that the respondent does not intend to remain here. He will probably end up in the South Seas in a sailing ship."

The petition was then dismissed and a judicial separation will likely be applied for in due course.

MR. K. SMITH DEAD.

WELL-KNOWN PLANTER AND MINER.

News has been received of the death in Portugal of the well-known Malayan proprietary planter and miner Mr. W. Kellie Smith.

Mr. Kellie Smith who resided in Malaya for many years and had extensive property at Batu Gajah, was originally an engineer, and built the section of the F.M.S. Railway from Kampar to Teluk Anson.

Subsequently he took up coffee planting and later, in the early days of the rubber industry, he was one of the first to become interested in the new product. He was the owner of the old Kelas estate.

Mr. Kellie Smith was prominently connected with both the rubber and tin industries, and was probably the most successful European proprietary planter and miner in the country. He was well-known to a wide circle of friends and used to entertain largely at Batu Gajah.

Mr. Kellie Smith leaves a widow and daughter. He last visited Malaya in the early part of this year.

RUBBER FACTORY FIRE.

Batavia, December 16.—A Government rubber factory at Koempot Banjoemas, with a large quantity of rubber, was burnt out. Only the engineroom was left intact.

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CHINA POLICY.

Home Press and the
Memorandum.

"VITAL IMPORTANCE."

London, Dec. 26.

Largely on account of the holiday season publication arrangements, the Sunday papers comment only very briefly on the British memorandum, which however, they recognise is a State paper of vital importance in its bearing on the Chinese situation.

The "Sunday Times" thinks that perhaps it will only be a question of a few weeks before the situation is ripe for negotiations in view of the fact that the Cantonese forces are steadily gaining the upper hand.

The paper therefore hopes that the other Powers will speedily concur with the British proposals which afford the best way of protecting all interests.

The "Observer" points out that the British Government has now formally urged what was privately urged for months—that the Powers think in terms of the present, not of the past, in their Chinese policy.—Reuter.

Views of Japan and France.

Paris, Dec. 26.

The death of the Emperor of Japan has been taken as an occasion by "Pertinax" in the "Echo de Paris" to express his opinion on Japan's foreign policy. He considers that Japan has profited from recent events in China since the anti-foreign outbreaks which chiefly affect the south, driving trade northwards, where Japan is entrenched. The "unforgettable slight," the denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, will doubtless tend to make Japan persist in her attitude, and the British memorandum on a policy in China is obviously unlikely to attract Japan.

The "Oeuvre" understands that M. Briand does not disapprove of the British memorandum.—Reuter.

Belgium's Approval

Brussels, Dec. 24.

It is understood that the Foreign Minister, M. Van de Velde, has given his approval to Britain's attitude towards China regarding the immediate conditional enforcement of the customs surtaxes as laid down by the Washington conference and also the carrying out in the most liberal spirit of the Extra-Territoriality Commission's recommendations.—Reuter.

7/1 ODDS UPSET.

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ferred to keep further up once Portugal got into arguments. For some unaccountable reason, the Portuguese defence did not kick as surely as they can do and have done. Perhaps it may have been, perhaps it may be, or to desiring to "mix matters" more than necessary. True, they went in for fair play charges but experts have always maintained that a tendency to over-estimate for rough play has its disadvantages.

Thrills and Excitement. Adapting himself to requirements, Chao So had some stubborn sort of one of which he was injured and had to retire from the struggle.

Both sides played clever and purposeful football. The Chinese forwards also missed chances but they made amends by beating the Portuguese more often for possession and were more accurate in the open.

Summed up, the fortunes then amounted to play being more often in Portugal's territory, thus adding anxiety to the back lines which were not over-rendent. When Gosain & Co. crossed over in China's half they were either held back or their shooting went wrong while their positional play and timing remained right.

Thrills there were in plenty, both goals having narrow escape. Incidents in midfield were also of the spicy variety so that the vast holiday attendance had a full run for their money.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

Also on the H.K.F.C. ground (kick-off at 3.45 p.m.) to-day, England and Scotland meet in the other eliminating tie for the right to contest the final with China.

England and China have yet to inscribe their names on the splendid trophy provided by the "Sunday Herald" and through the medium of which large sums have been raised for charity. In the season before last, Scotland beat China in the final of a triangular tournament. Last season Portugal beat England in the final, it being the former's first attempt. To-day's teams are:—

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McTavish.

FORCED TO MARRY.

Rome, November 24.—The text of the decree of the Sacred Roman Rota Tribunal, annulling the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough with Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, affirms that there was a prior attachment on the part of the Duchess. The marriage was unhappy from the start, which all the witnesses had confirmed, including the Duke and Duchess and Mrs. Vanderbilt. According to Miss Vanderbilt has now been given the necessary liberty to contract and make a valid marriage.

"LIKE TAME LION."

INDIAN BANK CASE AGAIN

REMANDED.

Diwan Mangel Sen, the Indian

who told Mr. K. B. Lindsay that he

followed the Police "like a tame

lion in a circus," was again reman-

ded for two days at the Magistracy

this morning.

Det. Sgt. A. H. Elston said that

instructions were still awaited

from the Government of Punjab, on

whose warrant defendant had been

arrested while on board the

"Taima," with a ticket from Shang-

hai to Peking.

Defendant is described as a

former managing director of an

Indian bank and insurance com-

pany wanted by the Lahore Police.

CRIMINALS ESCAPE.

KEYS OF ASYLUM STOLEN

FROM WATCHMAN.

In the early hours of the morn-

ing of December 15, six Chinese

criminals, all of whom have been

convicted of serious offences, and

who had been sent to the Singa-

pore lunatic asylum for observa-

tion, escaped from their place of

confinement, and have not yet

been rearrested.

During the night, the pri-

soners, in some way or other, took

the keys from the Chinese watch-

man and escaped, leaving the door

of the "pen" open.

There were 42 other lunatics

with them, but fortunately none

of them took the opportunity to

escape.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the official
weather forecast for Hong Kong:
the adjacent sea—breeze—fair to

Channel is:—Fresh north-east
winds, fr.

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